## Letter to GP template

*Safeguarding Lead*

*GP surgery*

Dear

Re

*Mr. J Read*

DOB

NHS no

Address

*Mr. Read* recently applied to adopt and *your service / insert name of practice /GP if private* kindly completed a health report on (*date*). His application was successful and he was approved as a prospective adoptive parent.

The adoption process has now progressed and a child has been identified as a potential match with *Mr Read.* If the match is recommended at the Panel on *date* and subsequently agreed, it is likely that introductions will begin shortly afterwards.

Adopter applicants are strongly encouraged to inform the adoption agency of any significant changes in their physical, emotional or mental health.

If you are aware of any significant new health concerns that have safeguarding implications or which may affect their ability to care for the child it is important that the adoption agency are notified.

In 2022 a child safeguarding practice review following the murder of a child living with prospective adoptive parents recommended attention was paid to information sharing between adoption agencies and health services.

[Leiland-James Michael Corkill: Cumbria County Council (cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk)](https://www.cumbriasafeguardingchildren.co.uk/professionals/cspr/ljmcsafeguardingpracticereview.asp)

Please contact us by (*insert date* *suggested 2 weeks from date of letter*) if there is additional information to share for safeguarding purposes.

Signed by

*Name*

*Position*

*Name of adoption agency*