

Meeting summary

Panel Chairs (Adoption) Practice Forum

7 March 2025 | 9.30am - 12.00pm

1. Forms, pilots and updates

- 1.1 CPR (Child Permanence Report) England (2025) will be published on 25 March. <u>Briefing sessions</u> will be held on 2 and 3 April and <u>7 May</u> and <u>8 May</u>. The CPR incorporates the AFDiT framework; sessions to introduce this are planned with Dr Tam Kane from University of Sussex. CoramBAAF have also updated the one-day training course and *Undertaking CPR Good Practice Guide* publication date to be confirmed
- **1.2** All new forms are sent to agencies' licence holders. Any queries to be sent to licences.
- **1.3** The CoramBAAF Prospective Adopters Report PAR is in the process of being updated with planned pilot in the second half of this year. Publication January/February 2026. Members who are not part of the working group can send comments to <u>Jane Poore</u>.
- 1.4 Adoption Support Plan (ASP) Elaine Dibben gave a presentation on the ASP which was published on 10 February. There are accompanying guidance notes for social workers, adopters and IROs. The new ASP should be used alongside the Adoption Placement Report (APR) England (2025), which has had minor amendments, to reduce duplication. The Adoption Placement Report (2018) remains available for use as a standalone document and will be fully reviewed in 2026 so that there will only be one version. A member suggested using the AFDiT framework in the APR.
- **1.5** Recordings of the briefing sessions on the ASP can be accessed <u>here</u> and the ASP resources <u>here</u>.

2. Conference follow up

2.1 Members discussed and fed back on the Panel Chairs and Advisers Conference held on 3 March. Feedback from people who attended was overwhelmingly positive and it is hoped that a similar event can be held next year.

3. Legal cases

- **3.1** Jane shared details of the legal case Re X and Y (Children: Adoption order: Setting Aside). Appeal Case in High Court Adoption
- **3.2** Action: Slide to be shared with the group
- 3.3 Section 26 Orders Jane and Alexandra Conroy Harris (Legal Consultant) have been invited to intervene in an appeal case which will be heard in the High Court on 27 March. This involves an application for Section 26 Order to be made. Jane highlighted that it is a real misunderstanding among adoption workers that Section 26 Orders made alongside the Placement Order are only valid until the point of the Adoption Order. Post adoption order, if a contact order is required then courts need to use Section 51.

4. Al discussion

4.1 To be carried over to the next meeting:

Action: members to set themselves up with a Chat GPT account and play around with it.

5. AOB

- 5.1 Alistair is stepping down as Panel Chair due to personal reasons. He wanted to pass on his regards and thanks to the group for the work and companionship over the years. Jane said she was indebted to Alistair for his help on the ASP.
- **5.2** Items to carry over for the next meeting:
 - Al
 - Appraisals (raised by Shirley Walker but she doesn't necessarily want to take the lead)

Date of next meeting: 11 July 10.00am – 12.30pm