

Meeting summary

10 April 2026 | 10.00am – 12.30pm

1. Update on court hearings

- 1.1 Alexandra Conroy-Harris (Legal Consultant) and Jane Poore were intervenors in the Supreme Court to hear the application to revoke an adoption order in respect of two children X & Y (now adults). The judgment is pending. Alexandra will write up in Legal Notes. [Court of Appeal Judgment X & Y](#). (N.B The judgement has since been handed down. Read more [here](#)).

2. Forms update- CAR/B Wales launch

- 1.1 CAR/B Wales – will be launched on 14 April. A [briefing session](#) will be held on 23 April.
1.2 Scotland – is next on the agenda
1.3 PAR – is ongoing.
1.4 ADM pro-forma – work on this is needed.

3. CoramBAAF & CALGG project

- 3.1 CoramBAAF are working on this project, along with the Chief Archivists Association and the Archives and Records Association to rebuild the ASR website into a free, easy to navigate online resource. Information on this was announced in a [CALGG project press release](#) on 9 March. The team hopes to launch during National Adoption Week in October 2026.

See slides: [Jane Poore – Chief Archivists in Local Government Group \(CALGG\) project](#).

4. Family Routes longitudinal study - GOV.UK

- 4.1 Jane discussed the findings of the [Family Routes longitudinal study - GOV.UK](#) (September 2025) and shared slides with the group. This is a longitudinal study intended to track the needs, experiences and outcomes of children leaving care on an adoption order or special guardianship order in England carried out by Julia Selwyn and Julia Gardiner, Rees Centre, University of Oxford. Julie Selwyn will be presenting this study at the forthcoming [CoramBAAF Adoption Conference 2026: Can modern adoption meet the needs of today's children and families? 11 May 2026](#).

- 4.1 See slides: [Jane Poore – Family Routes study](#).

5. APPG Adoptee Voices Inquiry report

- 5.1 Jane shared slides with the group and recommended that people read the [APPG Adoptee Voices Inquiry report | Adoption England](#). The inquiry talked to 300 young people aged 13 – 25 in England through a survey and online sessions. It is Co-produced by a steering group of young adoptee adults and focusses on three key areas – identify, health and wellbeing.

- 5.2 See slides: [Jane Poore – Adoptee Voices Inquiry report](#).



6. Training discussion – Helen Little, (CB Training, Consultancy and Events Manager)

- 6.1 Helen Little joined the meeting and gave a presentation on CoramBAAF’s training and events services. She collated feedback via a live poll around the number of events and training members have attended during the last year and the areas they would welcome more training on. Members to contact the [training](#) and [events](#) teams for particular training needs and requests for further information. More information is on the [CoramBAAF website](#).

7. ASGSF consultation

- 7.1 Jane shared slides and gave an update on the consultation [‘Adoption support that works for all: Reimagining adoption and kinship support: making it fit for the future’](#), launched on 10 February 2026. Deadline for responses is 5 May 2026. Jane encouraged members to submit responses. A [briefing session](#) on the consultation will be held on 13 April. CoramBAAF will be submitting two responses, one on adoption and another on kinship/special guardianship.
- 7.2 See slides: [Jane Poore – Adoption Special Guardianship Support Fund consultation](#).
- 7.3 See CoramBAAF [press release](#).

8. Open discussion

- 8.1 There was a discussion on fees paid for panel members and chairs.
- The fees for panel members ranged from £90 to £125 for half day and £180 to £200 for a full day.
 - Panel Chairs – ranged from £400 for three cases/£500 for four cases, up to a maximum of £500 per half day and up to £700 for a full day
 - Appraisal fees range from £40/£55 and extra meetings £50.
 - Training fees were £50 per half day and £100 for full day.
- 8.1 There was discussion about whether tax is payable for being a panel member/chair. Jane confirmed that panel members/chairs are not employees and should not be treated as such. The regs state that panel members/chairs are independent of the agency.

Action: EB to circulate survey from 2022 and comments from the meeting.

9. Upcoming events

- [Consultation briefing: Adoption Support that works for all \(ASGSF\), 13 April 2026](#) (online)
- [Regional Adoption Agency thematic inspection consultation – Ofsted, 22 April 2026](#) (online)
- [CoramBAAF Adoption Conference 2026: Can modern adoption meet the needs of today's children and families? 11 May 2026](#) (in person)

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Items to carry over:

- Appraisals
- Foster carers adopting coming to panel.
- Children who have been relinquished – Jane to invite ACH and/or lead for relinquished babies at Cafcass)



- Alternative lifestyles of adopters and the impact on adoption children – open relationships and polyamory – (people to share experiences)

Date of next meeting: 17 July 2027 10.00am – 12.30pm