

# Always on your mind?



Searching for a child  
who was adopted  
and is now over 18?

Wanting to trace  
your birth parents,  
relatives or siblings?



Call our ActionLine free on:  
**0800 0 568 578**



# Searching for answers about adoption? We can help.

## What people say

*"The service was life-changing"*

*"I found out about my past 70 years ago...now I am happy that I know who I am"*

*"I didn't think in my wildest dreams that it would ever be possible and you made it happen"*

*"You have completed my life. Thank you."*

We provide a search and intermediary service helping to reunite people separated by adoption. We can help you to search for your relative, supporting you along the way. We can also support both parties in a reunion. We believe that the process of search, intermediary and reunion raises complex feelings and a professional intermediary agency is needed to support this.

## We help

- Birth relatives searching for an adopted person who is now at least 18
- Adopted adults wishing to look for their birth family
- Siblings separated by adoption

## We offer

After Adoption has over 20 years of experience in adoption support. We can offer you a dedicated, professional and friendly service tailored to your individual needs. Your worker will draw on our extensive experience of adoption. Not only can we undertake the search and make contact on your behalf, but we ensure both parties are fully supported throughout the process. Our service complies with relevant legislation and government guidelines.

## Information for Birth Relatives

We understand the lifelong impact of a child being adopted and the consequences this can have. We can provide accessible information and advice, support with establishing contact when both parties are in agreement with this and support through to reunions where appropriate.

## Information for Adopted Adults

We believe adopted people have a right to know about their background - their culture, heritage and family history. Once you have accessed your birth records, we can provide you with information, counselling and support with search and reunions.

we have helped more than  
**115,000**  
people over the past 25 years

**83%** of the searches for information and people that we carried out were successful



## Frequently asked questions

### How much does it cost?

*The full service includes initial consultation, undertaking a search and making contact including support along the way. See the table of charges overleaf.*

*These are subsidised rates because we attract additional funding.*

### How long does it take?

*This will vary for each individual. Our average length of a search is 7 months. We will keep in regular contact with you and keep you informed at every stage.*

### How do I start the process?

*Contact us on the details overleaf and we can explain in more detail how we can help you. There is no obligation to continue if you just want more information at this stage.*

After Adoption is the UK's largest charity focused on finding adoptive placements for children and supporting the whole family of adoption. We are the largest provider of search and intermediary services and we have been creating, maintaining and reuniting family connections for over twenty years.

Each year we help over **800** people find family members they had been separated from through the process of adoption



**98%** of people found the services they received from us to be good or excellent



# Charges

## Birth Relatives

### Stage 1: £250

Initial consultation, ID Check, locating adoption records, checking view of record holding agency and whether person has recorded their wishes on contact

### Stage 2: £250

Searching, includes up to 2 certificates

### Stage 3: £250

Approach to adopted person, support with establishing contact, exchange of letters, support around reunion

## Adopted Adults

### Stage 1: £220

Initial consultation, ID Check, reading adoption records, checking view of record holding agency and whether birth relatives have recorded their wishes on contact

### Stage 2: £220

Searching, includes up to 2 certificates

### Stage 3: £220

Approach to person being sought, support with establishing contact, exchange of letters, support around reunion

## Accessing your adoption records

If you are an adopted adult you should already have accessed your adoption records through the local authority where you live. Your local authority will provide this service at no charge.

## Counselling Charges

You may be required to cover the cost of additional counselling for the person we contact, or you may wish to purchase additional counselling for yourself. This is charged at £54 per session.

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After Adoption find families for children in the care system and provides support for all those affected by adoption.

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After Adoption is committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults and promoting their welfare. We work within statutory guidelines, regulations and seek to set and attain the highest standards of developing practice.

Find out more: [www.afteradoption.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.afteradoption.org.uk/safeguarding)

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