



REQUEST 17825

I would like to know Together for Adoption's criteria for offering post-adoption support. (Please do not confuse this with the published Government guidelines on eligibility for the ASF).

Over the past 3 years

1. How many families asked for support, how many were accepted & how many were denied?
2. How does Together for Adoption measure the success of the support given & that it's fit for purpose?

RESPONSE

There is a wide range of support available for adopted children and their families [Adoption support](#) as well as for adult adoptees [Support for adult adoptees](#) and birth relatives [Support for birth parents](#).

We offer to support to all of the children placed by any of the partner LAs in the first 3 years (or longer if they live in our area) and to families approved by TFA as well as to adult adoptees and birth relatives of those children.

The service offers a tiered approach to supporting families as detailed in the website link above.

If a family fits those criteria, no family is denied support. Over the past 3 years 1124 families have approached TFA for support and received a service from tier 1, 2 or 3.

The success of our service is measured in various ways. We use feedback from families at various points in our service provision as well as after workshops, training and social events to understand their impact and develop the service further in response to this feedback. We also use a range of Outcome Measurement Tools with our providers for any therapy commissioned through the ASGSF.

TFA is a partnership model of RAA and so we are subject to the scrutiny of our own governance structure which comprises of the 5 LA partners, the 3 VAAs in the region, elected members for each LA and stakeholder representatives ensuring the voices of our children and young people, adopters and birth families are all heard.