

# Response ID ANON-K2U6-AG9K-M

Submitted to **Changes to the adoption and children regulations: coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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## About the consultation

### Introduction

### Background

### Rationale and outline of proposals

### Medical reports

**1 Do you agree we should extend relevant parts of the regulations (listed in the box below) to allow the approval process for adopters and foster carers to progress to the next stage, for example if there are delays in receiving medical reports?**

**medical regulations - Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 - Regulation 26(b) and (e) – Other pre-assessment information:**

Neither agree nor disagree

**medical regulations - Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 - Regulation 27(1A) – pre-assessment decision:**

Neither agree nor disagree

**medical regulations - Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 - Regulation 30B(1A) – Adoption agency decision and notification:**

Neither agree nor disagree

**medical regulations - Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005 - Regulation 30B (5) and 5A - Adoption agency decision and notification:**

Neither agree nor disagree

**medical regulations - Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011- Regulation 26 (2A)– assessment of prospective foster parents:**

Disagree

#### Comments :

We do not believe that the extension on assessment of prospective foster parents relating to the gathering of the medical information should be extended as our current experience is that this information is received in all parts of the country within the timescales.

### Virtual contact/visits

**2 Do you agree we should extend the relevant parts of regulations (listed below) to allow virtual contact/visits where a face to face visit is not possible, for example in the circumstances described above?**

**Virtual visits - Residential Family Centre Regulations 2002. Regulation 25 (4A) - Visits by registered provider:**

Neither agree or disagree

**Virtual visits - Care planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010. Regulation 28(1A) – Frequency of visits:**

Agree

**Virtual visits - Care planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations 2010 - Regulation 48 (3) (e) - Application of these Regulations with modifications to short breaks:**

Neither agree or disagree

**Virtual visits - Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 - Regulation 22(1) – Contact and access to communications:**

Neither agree or disagree

#### Comments:

### Ofsted inspections

**3 Do you agree we should extend the regulation (detailed below) regarding frequency of inspections?**

**Ofsted - Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills (Fees and Frequency of Inspection) (Children's Homes etc.) Regulation 2015 - Regulation 27 – Frequency of inspections:**

Agree

#### Comments:

### Regulations to lapse

**4 Do you agree we should allow the regulations (listed below) to expire on 25 September?**

Agree

**Comments:**

### **Safeguards**

**5 Do you agree that additional safeguards should be introduced on the use of any flexibilities that remain in place after 25 September?**

Agree

**If you agreed, please provide details on what safeguards you consider may be appropriate and how they could be employed:**

we believe that the only amendment regulation that would be reasonable to continue to be extended would be the virtual contact/visits when no possible by physical means due only as proposed (in the case of local lockdown and self-isolation). However, maintaining this amendment should be reviewed every 6/8 weeks.

### **About You**

**6 What is your name?**

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**8 Are you responding as an individual, or as part of an organisation?**

**Select from dropdown list:**

Charity

**9 If you are responding as part of an organisation, what is the name of your organisation?**

**type job title:**

TACT

**10 What is your role?**

**select from dropdown list:**

Other (please state)

**add occupation:**

Policy Advisor

**11 If you are responding as an individual, are you a**

**select from dropdown:**

**12 Are you happy to be contacted directly about your responses?**

Yes

**13 How did you hear about the consultation?**

Email from the department

**14 Would you like us to keep your responses confidential?**

No

**Reason for confidentiality:**