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**Section 1 – Experience of Adoption Support**

**Please tick your answers by clicking on the appropriate**  **and expand in the spaces below, if required. There is extra lined paper at the back of the questionnaire.**

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| 1. **How many Social Workers have you had since adopting?** |
| **1**  **2**  **3**  **4 or more** |
| 1. **Has this had an impact on the overall quality of support that you have received? If so, how?** |
| **Yes**  **No** |
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| 1. **Have you ever received adoption support in any form? (If no, please go to Section 2)** |
| **Yes**  **No** |
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| 1. **How would you rate the overall quality of adoption support services provided to adopters?** |
| **Very poor**  **Poor**  **Average**  **Good**  **Excellent** |
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| 1. **When were you made aware of adoption support services during the adoption process? (Circle all that apply)** |
| **Before**  **During**  **After**  **Never informed** |
| 1. **How many times have you accessed adoption support from the Local Authority?** |
| **Never**  **1 - 2**  **3 - 4**  **5 – 6**  **more than 7** |
| 1. **In general, how easy was the support to access?** |
| **Very difficult**  **Quite difficult**  **Easy**  **Very easy** |
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| 1. **How quickly was the support given?** |
| **Within 24 hrs**  **Within 1 week**  **Within 1 month**  **Longer than 1 month** |
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| 1. **How effective was the support provided?** |
| **Made things worse Ineffective Satisfactory Some improvement Very effective** |
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| 1. **Overall, have you been happy with the level of adoption support offered to you?** |
| **Yes**  **No** |
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**Section 2 – In-depth questions on personal experiences**

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| 1. **What factors do you think help to create a successful adoptive placement?** |
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| 1. **What factors, if any, do you think have an adverse impact on an adoptive placement?** |
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| 1. **What are the main issues that you have been faced with that required you to seek support, if any? (Support for your child, for you or both)** |
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| 1. **Where have you sought support from e.g. family, friends, agencies, local authority, schools etc.?** |
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| 1. **What specific support have you requested?** |
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| 1. **Details of the support provided.** |
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| 1. **How was the support funded e.g. Local Authority, Adoption Support Fund etc.?** |
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| 1. **Why did the support end e.g. lack of funding/ resources, natural conclusion, achieved aims?** |
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| 1. **Have you ever considered disrupting/ ending your adoption?** |
| **Yes**  **No** |
| 1. **If so, has it disrupted?** |
| **Yes**  **No** |
| 1. **If your adoption has disrupted, please provide a brief explanation as to why the adoption ended.** |
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| 1. **What support, if any, was offered to prevent the disruption?** |
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| 1. **What support, if any, have you received since the disruption?** |
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| 1. **If you have considered disrupting but didn’t, please explain why the adoption didn’t end?** |
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| 1. **In what way/s could the support for adopters be improved, if at all?** |
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**Section 3 – Personal**

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| **Your age:** | **18 – 25**  **26 – 35**  **36 – 45**  **46 – 55**  **Over 56** | |
| **Year in which you adopted:** |  | |
| **Occupation:** |  | |
| **County living in:** |  | |
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| **Composition of household e.g. number and ages of adults and children living in the household:** | | |
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| **Who did you adopt through e.g. Local Authority, Adoption Agency, charity, etc?** | | |
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| **Number of children adopted:** | |  |
| **Age/s of children when adopted:** | |  |
| **Do you have birth children? If so, what age/s?** | |  |

**Additional paper for expanded answers. Please indicate on the left side which question your answer relates to.**

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