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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?**
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|  **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?**
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|  **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
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| 1. **Have you ever received adoption support in any form? (If no, please go to Section 2)**
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|  **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
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| 1. **How would you rate the overall quality of adoption support services provided to adopters?**
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|  **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)**
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|  **Before** [ ]  **During** [ ]  **After** [ ]  **Never informed** [ ]  |
| 1. **How many times have you accessed adoption support from the Local Authority?**
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|  **Never** [ ]  **1 - 2** [ ]  **3 - 4** [ ]  **5 – 6** [ ]  **more than 7** [ ]  |
| 1. **In general, how easy was the support to access?**
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|  **Very difficult** [ ]  **Quite difficult** [ ]  **Easy** [ ]  **Very easy** [ ]  |
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| 1. **How quickly was the support given?**
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| **Within 24 hrs** [ ]  **Within 1 week** [ ]  **Within 1 month** [ ]  **Longer than 1 month** [ ]  |
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| 1. **How effective was the support provided?**
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| **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?**
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|  **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?**
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|  **Yes** [ ]  **No** [ ]  |
| 1. **If so, has it disrupted?**
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|  **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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