

## Research Study Advertisement



### Separated Sisters and Brothers: a research study about adopted adults' views of birth sibling relationships and post-adoption contact.

Are you an adopted person who was separated from your birth siblings, when you were adopted from local authority care?

I am a social worker, and a PhD research student at the University of Bristol. My research is looking at how children who were adopted, and are now adults, experience growing up in a different family to their birth siblings. As a social worker, I know we try to get things right but also know this doesn't always happen. As a researcher I would like to understand more about the experiences of adopted adults and their relationships with their birth siblings. The voices of adults who have been adopted are very important because we don't often hear how people feel about their experiences of adoption.

I am particularly interested in hearing from people who were adopted after 1991, when the law changed, and there was more emphasis on supporting children to keep in contact with their siblings, if they became separated in local authority care.

If you are interested in knowing more about this study and you:

1. Are aged 18 or over.
2. Were adopted from local authority care in the UK.
3. Were separated from at least one birth sibling.
4. And went to live with your adoptive family after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1991

I will be very pleased to hear from you. Whatever your experience, I would like to hear your story.

The research will involve an online interview, by remote video link or telephone, to talk about your experiences. If you would like further details, please contact me at [sue.austin@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:sue.austin@bristol.ac.uk) I will be very happy to provide further information, with no obligation for you to take part.

Thank you.