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## UK Adoption Process



Nugent Adoption welcomes enquiries from individuals and couples of marital or employment status, religion or ethnic background, whether homeowner or living in rented accommodation, have no children, importantly you must be able to offer a secure, loving and nurturing home for children who have had a difficult start in life. You will need to be patient and have lots of energy and you will definitely need a good support network of friends and family is also a huge bonus.

There is no upper age limit if you wish to adopt, but you must be over 25 and hold no criminal convictions against children. We also ask that you have been in a stable and committed relationship for a minimum of 2 years.

### The Process

1. You contact us to discuss your enquiry. We will send you an information pack and paperwork.
2. You return the General Enquiry form.
3. We visit you at your home to discuss your plan to adopt. Following this a 'Home Visit Report of Interest' (ROI) form is given to you.
4. You then return the ROI form.

### Stage 1

*We aim to complete this part of the process within two months.*

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1. You are allocated a Social Worker who will come and meet you
  2. Necessary checks are completed, including criminal records checks, employment references and personal references.
  3. Health and safety checks on your home, as well as any pet assessments
- Once all checks are returned with no concerns you will progress to Stage 2

## Stage 2

*We aim to complete this part of the process within four months.*

1. Formal application and plan for assessment completed.
  2. Between eight and ten assessment visits are completed by the Social Worker.
  3. Personal referees are visited by your Social Worker.
  4. The Prospective Adopter's Report (PAR) is written and submitted to the Agency Decision Maker (ADM).
  5. Your application is heard before an approved panel. A recommendation is made to whether you are suitable to adopt.
- This is then referred to the Agency Decision Maker (ADM).
  - The ADM will either ratify the panel's recommendation or could refer your application back to the ADM approves you as suitable to adopt, you become an approved adopter.
  - The social work team begin the process of 'family finding'. This involves finding a suitable child/ren for you and supporting you through this process; from the start of the process to placement with you and eventually the legal adoption.

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*"Once we were approved as adopters we were matched within three months. We would recommend Nugent Adoption Agency for adoption."*

Leanne and Chris





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