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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005**

**PART 2**

**ADOPTION AGENCY - ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADOPTION WORK**

**Requirement to appoint an agency adviser to the adoption panel**

**8.—(1)** The adoption agency must appoint a senior member of staff, or in the case of a joint adoption panel the local authorities whose panel it is must by agreement appoint a senior member of staff of one of them, (referred to in this regulation as the “agency adviser”)—

- (a) to assist the agency with the appointment (including re-appointment), termination and review of appointment of members of the adoption panel;
- (b) to be responsible for the induction and training of members of the adoption panel;
- (c) to be responsible for liaison between the agency and the adoption panel, monitoring the performance of members of the adoption panel and the administration of the adoption panel; and
- (d) to give such advice to the adoption panel as the panel may request in relation to any case or generally.

(2) The agency adviser must be a social worker and have at least five years' relevant post-qualifying experience and, in the opinion of the adoption agency, relevant management experience.