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PART 4

**DUTIES OF ADOPTION AGENCY IN
RESPECT OF A PROSPECTIVE ADOPTER**

Requirement to provide preparation for adoption

25.—(1) Where the adoption agency is considering whether a person may be suitable to adopt a child, the agency must make arrangements for the prospective adopter to receive such preparation for adoption as the agency considers appropriate.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply if the adoption agency is satisfied that the requirements set out in that paragraph have been carried out in respect of the prospective adopter by another adoption agency.

(3) Where the prospective adopter is not prepared to undertake the preparation for adoption which the adoption agency considers appropriate in their case, the agency may refuse to proceed further with the prospective adopter's application for an assessment of their suitability to adopt.

(4) In paragraph (1) "preparation for adoption" includes the provision of information to the prospective adopter about —

- (a) the age range, gender and likely needs and background of children who may be placed for adoption by the adoption agency;
- (b) the significance and legal implications of adoption for a child and his family;
- (c) contact between a child and his natural parents and other relatives where a child is authorised to be placed for adoption or the child is adopted;
- (d) the skills needed to be an adoptive parent;
- (e) the perspective of the child and the child's family;
- (f) the adoption agency's procedures in relation to assessment of prospective adopters and placement of a child for adoption; and
- (g) the procedure in relation to placement for adoption and adoption.