

Dear [insert name of MP here],

I write as a constituent to draw your attention to the issue of forced adoption, specifically the era between 1949 and 1976.

I draw your attention to the following recent events:

- July 2022, the Joint Committee on Human Rights called on the UK government to apologise for the practice that saw at least 185,000 children taken from their mothers.
- March 2023, Nicola Sturgeon issued a formal apology on behalf of the Scottish government.
- April 2023, Julie Morgan issued a formal apology on behalf of the Welsh government.

The UK government provided the legislative, policy and financial framework which enabled the mistreatment of hundreds of thousands of birth mothers and adoptees. This contravened The right to family and private life under Article 8(1) of the European Convention on Human Rights, now incorporated into UK law by the Human Rights Act 1998 reads: Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence.

The Adult Adoptee Movement has been campaigning for an apology and has provided a formal statement following the Welsh Apology.

<https://adultadoptee.org.uk/welsh-apology-for-forced-adoption/>

It is time for the UK government to acknowledge its role, to apologise to those affected and to commit to appropriate support for those suffering the lifelong impacts.

I would be grateful for your assistance in raising this issue within your party, and within Parliament.

Yours etc

[insert your home address]