



**ADULT
ADOPTEE
MOVEMENT**

GENERAL ELECTION 2024: OUR ASKS

Areas of concern for us as adult adoptees



Physical Health

End discrimination and provide screening and genetic testing for inherited conditions.

01



Mental Health

Provide lifelong access to trauma-informed mental health support for adoptees via the NHS.

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Records

Stop gatekeeping access to records and reduce waiting times.

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Our Rights

Right to know we are adopted; right to revoke.

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Measures we are asking for



on request, an 'adoptee' flag on our NHS patient record

genetic testing for inherited conditions where family medical history is unknown



research into adoptees' health outcomes vs. non-adoptees

adoption-aware and trauma-informed treatment via NHS mental health services



adoption awareness training for all professionals in health, social care and education - delivered by those with lived experience i.e. adult adoptees

improved access to court, adoption and social care records with a default right to access our adoption records unredacted, subject to proper safeguarding procedures



a right to information about our adoptive parents and why they were deemed fit to adopt

independent support with file access, search and reunion - not provided by adoption social workers or adoption agencies

incorporation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into UK law

a right to know we are adopted

a right to revoke our adoptions as adults

an official UK government apology for its role in forced adoptions



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