

APPG for Adoption and Permanence launches inquiry into the Adoption Support Fund

The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Adoption and Permanence has launched an inquiry which aims to consider the future of the Adoption Support Fund (ASF) through examining the role it has played in supporting children and families engaged in adoption and special guardianship arrangements. The inquiry will focus on the ease of access, provision of therapy and subsequent impact of support received through the fund. The group will examine evidence presented covering these areas and make recommendations to Government around the future of post adoption support.

The group invites written submissions on:

- Accessibility of the ASF, including timings and the application process
- Types of support accessed and gaps in support provision
- Long and short-term impacts of support accessed through the fund

The group welcomes submissions from adoptees, adoptive and special guardianship families, social workers, VAAs, RAAs, Local Authorities, therapists and others. In particular, we would like to encourage children and young people who have accessed support through the fund to share some of their experiences.

We invite you to submit responses using one of two available surveys:

- 1) For children and young people under the age of 18 who have received support through the fund. We encourage parents or social workers to work through the survey with the young person. Link available [here](#).
- 2) For all other stakeholders over the age of eighteen who have interacted with the fund in some way. Link available [here](#).

For further information about the inquiry or if you'd prefer to complete a Word version of the survey which can be emailed or posted to us, please contact info@appgap.org.uk

Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 24 April 2019, 12pm.