

About Pact

We are a registered Adoption Agency employing professionally qualified social workers and supporting administrative staff. We administer our services throughout the country from our office in Dublin. The agency receives annual grants from the HSE and the Crisis Pregnancy Agency, but it relies also on church support, fund raising activities, grants from trust funds and various donations to stay viable.

We invite applicants to pay a voluntary registration fee to cover the initial administration costs of the Information and Tracing Service.

Information and Tracing

Many people who have grown up in adoptive or foster families or in residential homes feel a great need to learn about their family of origin. Increasingly many members of natural families who have been separated from relatives are also coming forward for information. Each person has their own personal reason for seeking background information and considering tracing. It is recognised that this is part of an ongoing and life long process for those involved.

Who can we help?

Pact offers an Information and Tracing Service to the following:

Adopted persons, birth parents and relatives of those placed by the Protestant Adoption Society since it was established in 1952.

Former residents and their families of Bethany Home, Magdalen Home (Denny House) Nursery Rescue Society, Westbank and Fairfield children's homes.

People placed in family placements by any of the above homes prior to the 1952 adoption act.

How do I to apply?

We welcome informal enquires by phone, letter or email should you wish to discuss whether we can help you with your individual circumstances.

Once you have decided that you would like to apply for a service you will be asked to complete a registration form, available from the office or on our website.

You will be placed on a waiting list and subsequently offered an appointment to meet a social worker. If it is not possible to arrange to meet you in or near to the office we will advise you on where to access a local counsellor with whom we can liaise.

What happens next?

When you meet with a Social Worker, you will be given the opportunity to discuss your expectations and to consider the implications of your request both for yourself and for others. In most cases some non identifying background information will be available for those adopted through the Protestant Adoption Society and you will be offered the opportunity to hear this information.

You and the social worker will then agree the best course of action. This may include seeking further information, accessing counselling, tracing a relative or deciding not to proceed at this time.

Need further information?

For further information on the Pact information and tracing service, Please contact us

01 2962200

Email info@pact.ie

Or www.pact.ie

Additional information on the information and tracing process is available on the Adoption Board website www.adoptionboard.ie

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INFORMATION AND TRACING

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Status of Applicant: Birth parent Adopted person Other (please state relationship)

Email address: _____

Date of placement/adoption: _____

Foster/adoptive parent's name: _____

