

Costs

The cost is £110 for the first hour, £55 for any subsequent hour, or part hour.

Please note that there would be additional costs for the consultant's travel should you prefer to hold a session at your home. These would be £35 per hour travel time plus mileage costs. Costs are calculated from either the Barnet office (Home Counties) or from the office (SW England)

Further information

For further information or to book a Face to Face After Adoption session please contact IAC admin.

Please be advised that Local Authorities have a duty to provide an assessment for adoption support without charge and you may therefore wish to make enquiries with your Local Authority before contacting IAC.

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Comments, Compliments and Complaints

IAC welcomes comments on the services provided. If you have suggestions or wish to complain about a service please request our leaflet 'Comments, Compliments and Complaints'.

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Face to Face (After Adoption)

**A consultation service for parents of
children adopted from overseas**

Who are we?

Intercountry Adoption Centre is a registered adoption support agency and registered charity offering a range of services to families interested in adopting children from overseas, existing families formed through intercountry adoption and adoption professionals.

These services include: a telephone advice line; Publications; Information Days for 'early' enquiries; Preparation Courses for applicants wishing to be assessed by their Local Authority as prospective adopters; Adopting Again Workshops for 2nd time adopters, Face to Face Pre Adoption and After Adoption Consultations, Post Adoption Workshops and an intermediary service.

IAC has been operating in the specialist field of intercountry adoption for 10 years and has a unique understanding of the joys and challenges of adoptive parenting.

What is Face to Face After Adoption?

The Face to Face After Adoption service developed following requests from families at a post adoption stage who were seeking a consultation session with a professional with expertise in the ICA field. Many had used IAC's services previously at a pre adoption stage.

IAC is very aware that for all adoptive parents the tasks associated with parenting a child from

overseas brings some additional challenges alongside the many pleasures. Whilst it is often enough to talk through concerns with family and friends there are occasions when it can be beneficial to seek additional help and guidance.

IAC's Face to Face After Adoption service offers an opportunity to discuss and explore issues with experienced adoption social workers, who are themselves adoptive parents. The service does not offer formal counselling but a space where families can explore issues with a worker familiar with intercountry adoption.

The areas where families might seek our services include:

- The process of exploring intercountry adoption with children, particularly in relation to discussing sensitive information
- Issues related to managing school and the world outside the family
- The issue of difference and how a child's dual identity can be supported especially in a transracial placement
- Managing the legacy of the past especially in relation to children who have been institutionalised
- The teenage years and the challenges they can bring for parents
- Returning to the birth country – how and when

Many families seeking a consultation simply wish to have an opportunity to talk through their parenting strategies to ensure that they are meeting their child's needs in the most appropriate way.

At present the service is designed only for adults, although we hope in the future to be able to extend this to include direct work with children and young people.

IAC abides by a strict code of conduct in relation to confidentiality; however in the event of there being concerns in relation to a child, this cannot be guaranteed.

When and where

Currently IAC offers the Face to Face After Adoption service in **the Home Counties and in the south west of England.**

Appointments in these areas can be either home based, at the Barnet Head Office or at an outreach office in Frome, Somerset.

An initial consultation session lasting 1.5 – 2 hours is normally offered with an opportunity for additional sessions if required.