# **DRAFT SPECIFICATION FOR INTERCOUNTRY ADOPTION**

Adopt Thames Valley requires a comprehensive service for people considering intercountry adoption. The provider will make their services available to residents within the administrative areas of those Councils who are party to ATV and who are interested in learning about and proceeding with intercountry adoption.

**Services to be provided:**

* An Advice Line to receive enquiries;
* Preparation and distribution of information packs with information about services offered;
* Ensuring prospective adopters are informed, for instance by holding information sessions;
* Inviting those who wish to proceed further to a counselling interview for potential intercountry adopters;
* Enter into a contract with prospective adopters and invoice them directly for aspects of their assessment and adoption services.
* Carry out all aspects of the adoption agency’s intercountry adoption duties until the stage at which the child returns with the adopters to England, and after, as specified below;

* Making one post adoption visit on the child’s return to England, which will be a joint visit with a social worker from the local authority in the event that the local authority is to take responsibility for monitoring and reporting under FER 2005, where such monitoring and reporting is required;
* Preparing post placement/adoption reports as required by the State of origin in respect of all intercountry adopters for the requisite period, which may be until the child reaches the age of 18 years;
* Provide Adopters Support Workshops for approved and waiting adopters and for those with children in placement or adopted.
* Provide ongoing support to intercountry adopters and their children through additional support services which include but are not limited to:
* twice yearly newsletters
* intercountry adoption life story work consultation

face to face general post adoption consultation

* therapeutic life story work consultation for intercountry adopted children and their families
* webinars

**Performance management**

The provider will keep ATV informed about service delivery. Quarterly statistics in respect of service delivery will be provided to the Head of Service for Adopt Thames Valley and these will be shared with the ATV Board on an annual basis.

The provider will assistin connection with any Ofsted regulatory inspection of the councils who are a party to ATV.