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Adoption Records

The approximate total number of 20th century adoption case files currently held by the Trust (including paper and electronic records).

Approximate number of adoption records 6110

The date range of those records (earliest and latest adoption dates).

First recorded Adoption Order January 1930 / last recorded Adoption Order December 1999

The format of the records (e.g. paper, microfilm, scanned images, electronic database).

Paper

Microfilm

Scanned images

The physical or digital storage locations used (for example, “on-site archive at [site name]”, “off-site commercial storage”, or “Trust network drive”).

Physical records secured in off-site ‘commercial’ facility.

Digital images stored on Trust network

Whether the Trust maintains a register, database, or inventory of adoption files — and if so, the fields recorded (e.g. year of adoption, file number).

File # / Birth Surname / Birth Christian Name / Sex / Dob / Adoptive Surname / Adoptive Parents address at time of placement / Date of Order / Box Bar Code or Microfilm reference / Date of Transfer to PRONI

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The records retention policy or schedule applicable to adoption files.

Adoption records are retained for 75 years and after this transferred to PRONI