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Data Sharing Agreement – Adoption Records

I am making this request under Freedom of Information Legislation. I request the following information:

A copy of any data sharing agreement used by the Trust when sharing service user personal data from adoption records with independent counselling agencies such as 'Adoption Routes', for the purposes of informing counselling of a birth relative.

Please also advise when any such data sharing agreement was established, and if any similar agreement existed prior to 2011.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust does not share any information with external agencies for this matter.

Should a service user wish for information to be shared with an external agency for any reason, the Adoption Service will request that the individual shares their information directly themselves. If this were not possible, the service would request that the service user provide written consent for this and the service user will detail the information that they wish to have shared.