

Part 4 General

Note 23

Please enter the name by which you want the child to be known following the adoption. This is the name that will be entered on the Adopted Children Register. You may wish the child to have a new name following the adoption, but there is no obligation to change the child's name if you do not want to do so.

Note 24

You do not need to send a report on your health (or the health of the other applicant, if there is one) or the health of the child with your application if:

- he/she is your child, or the child of the other applicant, or
- you are applying alone as the partner (including the husband, wife or civil partner) of the child's mother, father or other parent.

In any other case you must attach separate health reports in respect of each applicant and the child, and two copies of the reports. The health reports should cover the matters set out in the Practice Direction 'Reports by a registered medical practitioner ("health reports")', and must have been made no more than three months before the date of your application for an adoption order.

Special assistance or facilities for disability if you attend the court

Note 25

If you/either of you need special assistance or special facilities for a disability or impairment, please set out your requirements in full. The court staff will need to know, for example, whether you want documents to be supplied in an alternative format, such as Braille or large print. They will also need to know about any specific requirements you may have on the day of the hearing, such as wheelchair access, a hearing loop, or a sign language interpreter.

The court staff will get in touch with you about your requirements. It is important that you make the court aware of all your needs. If you do not, the result may be that the hearing has to be adjourned.