

Adoption and the Law: Some key terms explained

Child care with an international element

Members have from time to time contacted AFA Scotland with queries involving families and children where there is an international aspect. Since Spring 2019 AFA Scotland has had meetings with Scottish Government drawing this to their attention.

There are two dedicated members of staff who each wanted to encourage our members to contact them directly with any queries or requests for information. Dominic Brack deals with adoptions with an international element and can be reached at Dominic.Brack@gov.scot

Hannah Hutchison is responsible for more general international matters and can be reached at Hannah.Hutchison@gov.scot

Hannah referred us to English guidance which explains what is in scope for the Central Authority. It can be found at https://www.familylaw.co.uk/news_and_comment/the-icacu-releases-guidance-on-care-cases-with-an-international-element

There are not yet any specifically Scottish materials but Hannah and her team will be taking this work forward in the future.

AFA Scotland, as always, is more than happy for members to contact us with any enquiries or advice.