

**ACTIVITY DAY HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2016**

**Purpose of the report and Summary**

*To report to the Corporate Parenting Board on the Activity Day held on 5 November 2016.*

**Key Information**

The Family Finders from Lancashire County Council Children Awaiting Adoption Team attended an event in Leeds. The event was an activity day arranged by Coram Baaf and it was an opportunity for prospective adopters to meet children who are waiting to be placed for adoption. Lancashire focussed on those harder to place children.

**Children**

Five children were taken to the activity day by Lancashire; three single children and a sibling group of two boys. All of the single children had additional and complex needs and the sibling group were two boys of a different ethnicity. We were unable to take any of our other harder to place children awaiting placements due to the make-up of the day and their more significant additional needs.

**Outcomes**

We had some positive interest for the sibling group from one set of prospective adopters, but the family later withdrew and went with a placement from within their own agency. The boys have since been linked with an in house family. The match was presented to Adoption panel on 11<sup>th</sup> January 17.

One of the single children had a chemistry meeting at the activity day and this link has since progressed with the match is being presented to Adoption Panel on 8<sup>th</sup> February 17.

Unfortunately the other two children did not receive any interest at the activity day. However on a positive note, following the activity day one of the children but has since progressed with a placement through link maker and for the 5<sup>th</sup> child, we have since had interest from an out of county family identified within a National Adoption Register profile exchange day that the family finders attended.

Georgine Lee, Senior Manager  
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