

Mark addresses the House on adoption

Mark Lancaster stood in parliament this week to discuss the challenges facing the adoption system.

Following the introduction of the Children and Families Bill in the Queen's Speech, the government has proposed to cut the time it takes to become an approved adopter.

Praising the work the government has already done for the 4,000 children waiting to be adopted, Mark went on to share his concerns following a visit to local adoption charity St Francis' Children's Society.

Mark has called for two particular areas to be considered. He discussed both improved access to post-adoption support, and better services for birth parents.

Addressing the House, Mark said, "making post-adoption support statutory would reassure potential adopters that they can change the life of a child, with the full backing of this government."

Upon visiting the Society, Mark met with the Birth Connection's counsellors who work with parents of children who have been adopted. Calling for work which breaks negative cycles, Mark said, "children whose birth families are properly supported during the adoption process are shown to have a better and more positive experience of adoption".

St Francis' Children's Society work with individuals and couples from across Milton Keynes to find all types of children a new, loving home. Mark is urging people to contact the Society to find out more about adoption.

"People can sometimes offer a child more than they think. I really hope that now the government has made it easier to adopt, more people in Milton Keynes will consider building their family in this fantastic way."