**For Swindon Borough Council facing practices:**

**Adult medicals for applicants Foster Care, Kinship Care, Adoption and Special Guardianship Orders**

TheCoram BAAF adoption academy have now produced a new form for adult medicals for carers which now includes that **a video consultation can be used for the medical advisor section and has removed the requirement for a medical report to accompany the health information.**

The advice is:

Assessments being undertaken under the Fostering Services (England) Regulations 2011 (FSR) would usually require ‘details of the carers’ health to be supported by a medical report’. The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 have removed the requirement for a medical report to accompany the health information.  **However, wherever it is possible for a medical report to be completed, this continues to be best practice.**

The BSW CCG and Swindon Borough Council is asking GPs to complete [the health assessment form.](https://bswccg.nhs.uk/for-clinicians/primary-care-documents/primary-care-bulletin-documents/1059-gp-bulletin-13-july-2020-doc-1/file)

For some Kinship Care, Adoption and Special Guardianship Orders these medicals are a requirement of the Court. Please read the detailed guidance at the beginning of the form.

Part A will be completed by Swindon Children Services Fostering Team and the entire form given to the applicant.

Part B will be completed by the applicant and the entire form given to their GP

Part C should be completed by the applicant’s own GP and the entire form sent to the agency Medical Adviser named on page 1 of the form. **A video consolation can be used for the medical see Part C section 7b.**

There are strict timescales particularly for adoption so please can the medicals be completed as soon as reasonably possible as delays can have an impact on a child being placed with a carer or a permanent placement being agreed for a child.

Further information can be found on the [Coram Baff website](https://corambaaf.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI46fW6dzC6gIV34BQBh0zewM8EAAYASAAEgI0yvD_BwE)

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