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Dear Chair,

The National Adoption Service Annual Report for 2022/23

I am very pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2022/23 Annual Report of the National Adoption Service for Wales (NAS). This report and the children and young people's version are both available on our website.

[National Adoption Service - Publications \(adoptcymru.com\)](https://adoptcymru.com)

As you will be aware, NAS is the Wales-wide collaborative for adoption services in Wales, led by local government. It brings together local government adoption services into five regional collaboratives, third sector adoption services and other key partners such as health and education to provide and improve adoption services across Wales.

2022/23 has been yet another busy and successful year for adoption services across Wales. Services have continued to recruit adopters, place children, and provide support to ensure these newly created families have the best start and can access support at other times should they need it. This is the case despite the challenges following the Covid-19 pandemic, alongside difficulties in public finances and the cost of living.

The Adoption UK annual Adoption Barometer findings show Wales is performing well compared to the other three UK nations.

I hope you enjoy the report and make it available to relevant staff within your organisation.

Yours sincerely,

**Suzanne Griffiths,
Director,
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