**Legislative Framework and Statutory Guidance**

**Methods**

Suited to self-directed learning or reflection with a colleague or supervisor.

**Learning outcomes**

To identify the changes needed in practice to fulfil requirements following changes in law.

**Time required**

30 minutes review and 30 minutes reflection with a colleague of supervisor.

**Process**

Case law ([Re B-S](http://www.familylawweek.co.uk/site.aspx?i=ed117472) 2013) highlights essential areas for review and quality assurance of social work practice when adoption is being considered as a permanence pathway for a child. These include:

* analytical and evidence-based assessment of any change in parent’s circumstances and the prospects of success for sustainable change
* the quality of analysis and reasoning put forward in support of the case for adoption
* ensuring timetables set by the court are met

What mechanisms are there to support professionals, and to whom can professionals turn for support to ensure these requirements are met?

Areas to consider when answering this question include:

* how are changes in legislation cascaded to teams?
* what mechanisms are used to explain and circulate changes required in practice?
* how do you/the organisation assess up-to-date research?
* which teams need to be involved?
* what tools/resources are used support analytical assessments?
* what mechanisms are in place to quality-assure work?