

NHS Numbers and Adoption

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T&C:

- ▶ To create a process for notification of NHS number change post adoption order
- ▶ To create a process for the management of medical records post adoption order



- ▶ Whether a change of NHS number is the best policy.

National Registration Act 1939

[5 & 6 GEO. 5.] *National Registration Act, 1915.*

[CH. 60.]



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An Act for the compilation of a National Register.

[15th July 1915.]

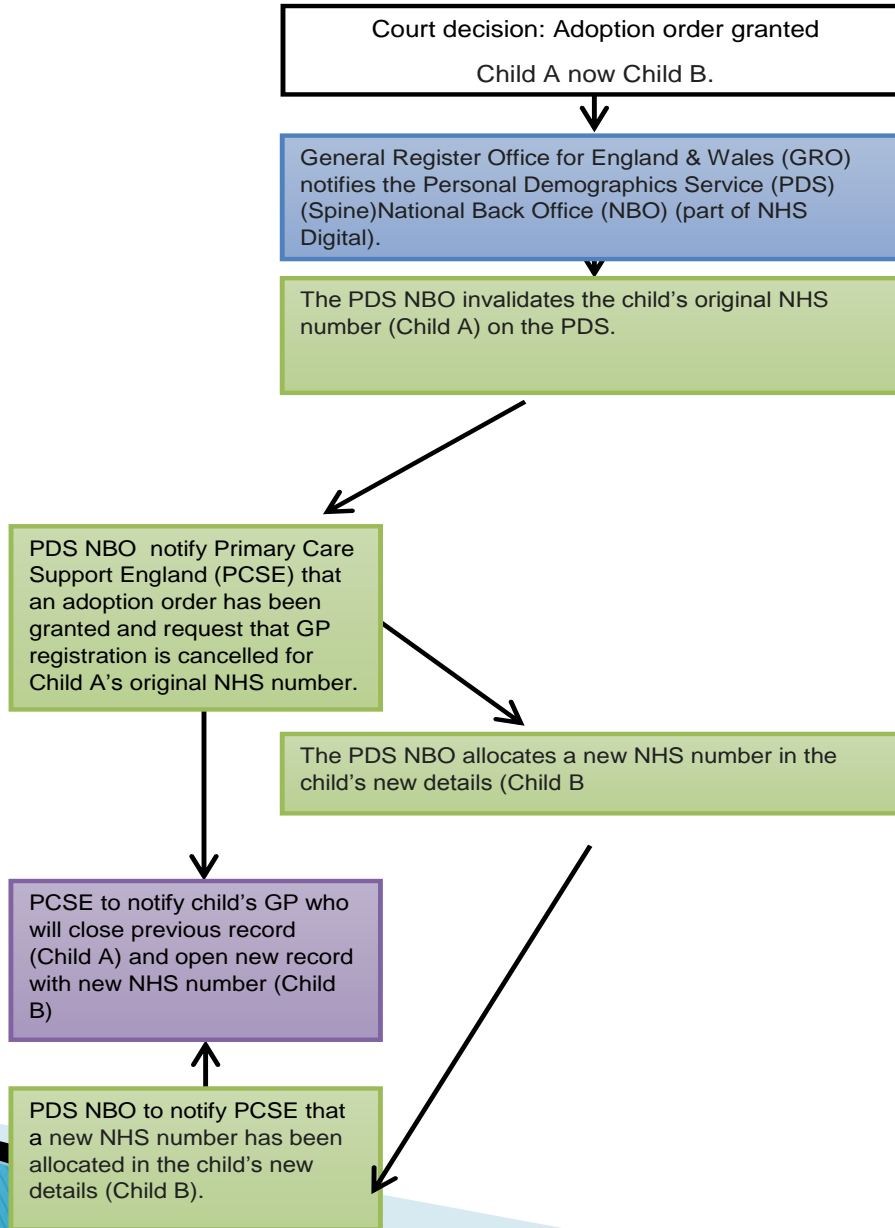
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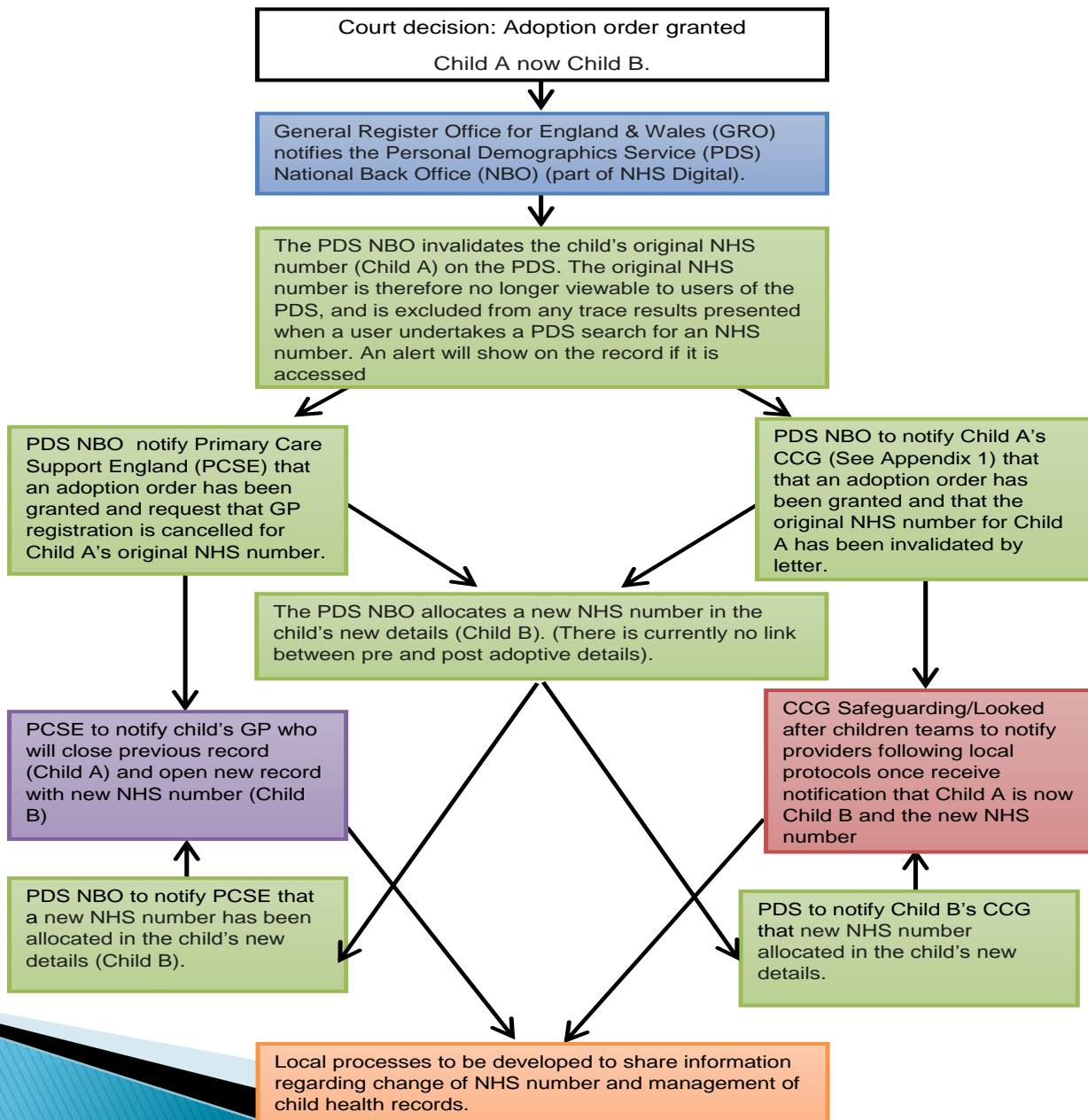
PART ONE:

Change of NHS Number

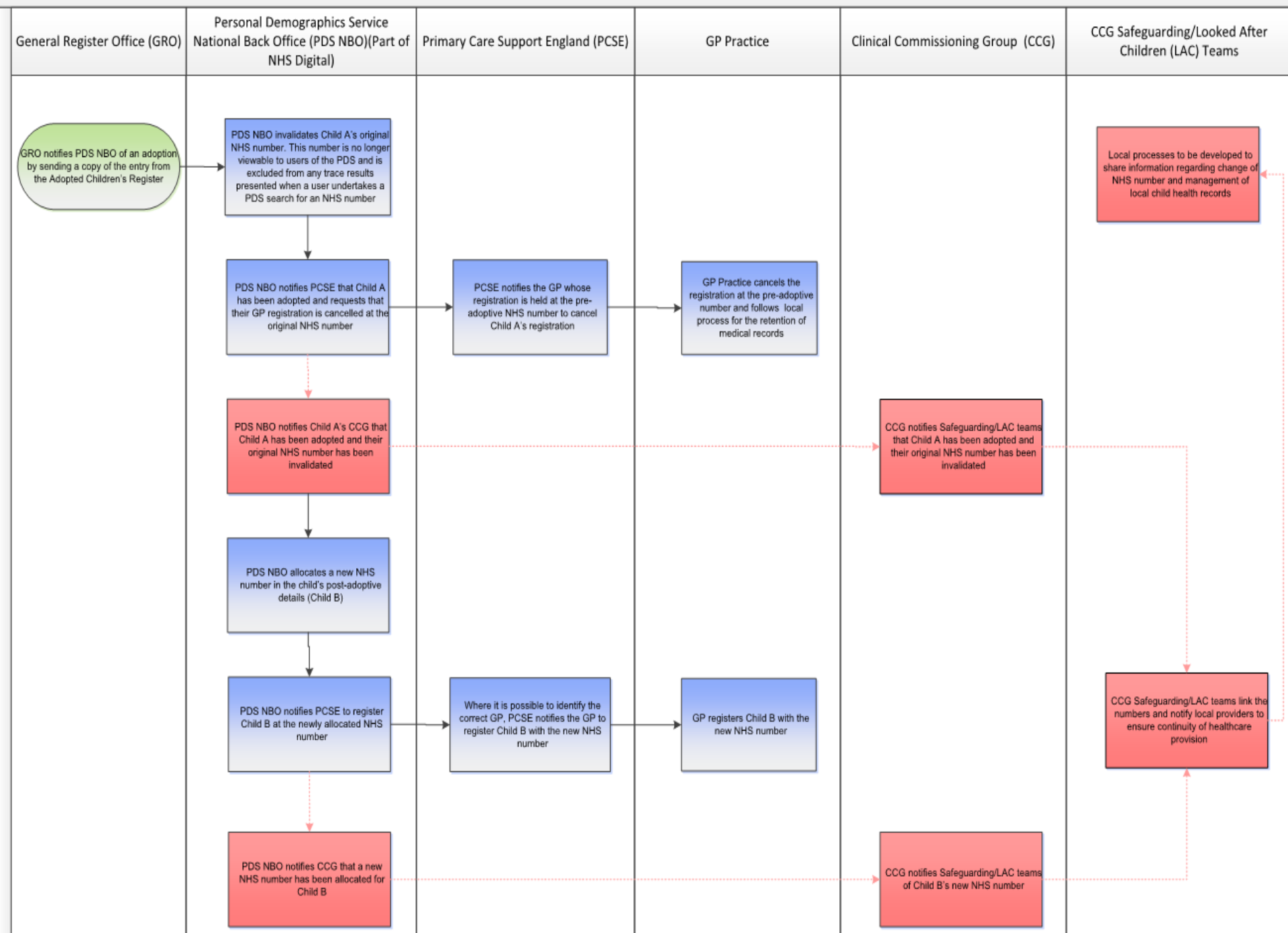
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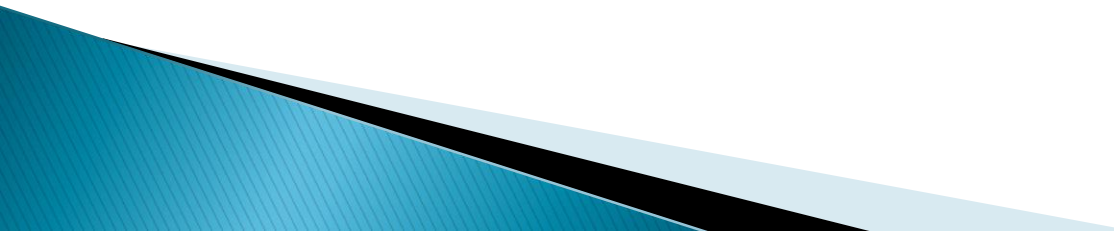
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National Process Regarding Allocation and Informing Health Providers of New NHS Number

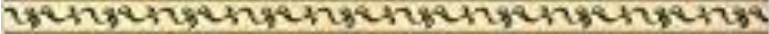


Process

- ▶ General Data Protection Regulation: GDPR
 - ▶ Data Protection Impact Assessment :PIA
 - ▶ Is it just a number, or “**personal**” or ‘sensitive’ data?
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PART TWO:

**Records management
post NHS No. change**



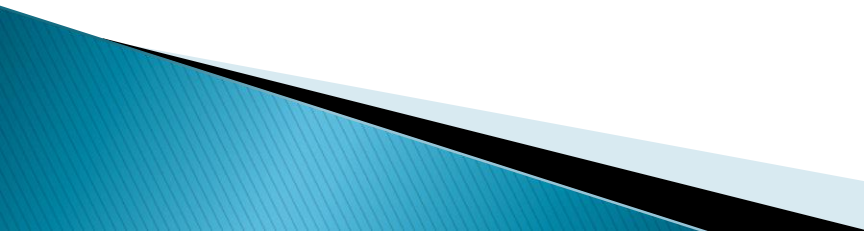
Adoption and
Children Act 2002
(Public General Acts
- Elizabeth II)

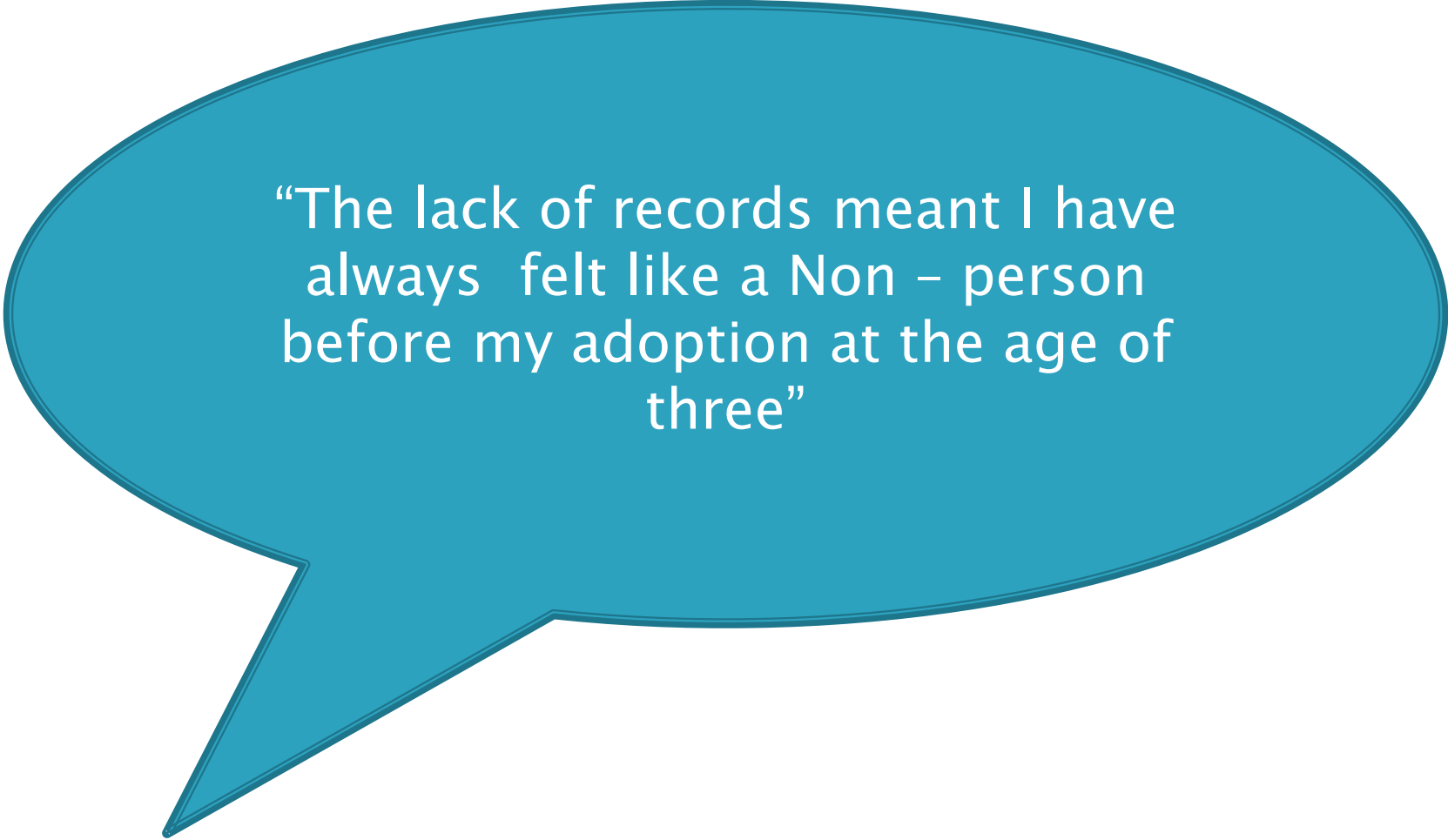
The Stationery Office

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Records – considerations:

- ▶ Clinical governance
 - ▶ Information governance – third party information
 - ▶ Security risk – placement prior to adoption
 - ▶ Cost effectiveness
 - ▶ Legal requirements– Human Rights, Children’s Act, Adoption Act, Registrar General
 - ▶ Voice of the child
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“The lack of records meant I have always felt like a Non – person before my adoption at the age of three”

The Future.....

- ▶ Does the NHS Number need to change?

- The duty to process information including an NHS number:

Health and Social Care (Safety and Quality) Act 2015,
sections 2–4 which added new sections 251A–251C to the
Health and Social Care Act 2012

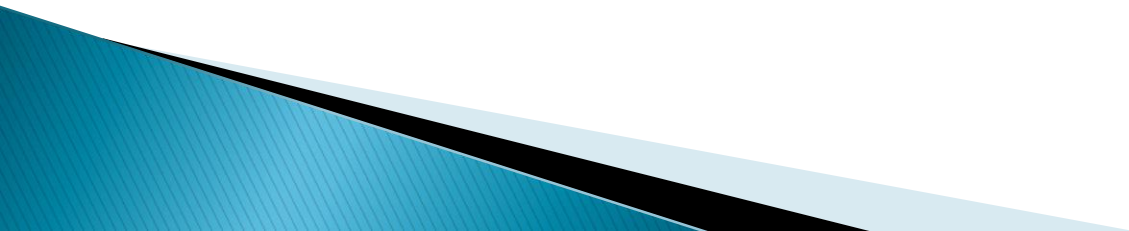
Section 251A(1) requires the Secretary of State to specify a '*consistent identifier*', namely an identifier which '*relates to an individual, and... forms part of a set of similar identifiers that is of general application.*' across health and social care.

The NHS number has been so specified by the Secretary of State: see the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Consistent Identifier) Regulations 2015.

Considerations:

- ▶ Safety
 - ▶ Legal
 - ▶ Process
 - ▶ Multiple stakeholders – DfE and DoH
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The Future.....



National Process Regarding Allocation and Information Health Providers of new NHS Numbers

