

HERITAGE HUB SOURCE LIST ADOPTION

SCOTTISH BORDERS ARCHIVE

The Scottish Borders Council Archive does hold some records relating to children in care including information on homes, fostering and adoption of some individuals. This information can be found in Council committee records where decisions were made on the care of individuals.

Any records relevant to homes, fostering or adoption have **closure periods**. This is often for **100 years**. For individuals wishing to see records relating to them, access may only be granted through the Social Work department who will contact the archives on your behalf.

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Website:

<http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/life/livingandsocialcare/careandsupport/childrenandfamilysupport/>

Alternatively you can submit a Subject Access Request under Data Protection legislation. To do this, please see the advice at:

<http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/council/departmentsandservices/socialwork/7711.html>

Note: Standard practice with Social Work is to destroy records after 75 years (but see below for records held by General Register Office of Scotland)

OTHER SOURCES:

- <http://www.nas.gov.uk/guides/adoptions.asp>
Guide and information on records held by the National Archives of Scotland
- <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/regscot/adoption.html>
The General Register Office of Scotland. Adopted Children Register (from 1930) - The Registrar General keeps a register of persons adopted under orders made by Scottish courts. There are no entries relating to persons born before October 1909.

- <http://sca.lib.liv.ac.uk/collections/colldescs/barnardos.html>
Guide and records of the charity Barnardos held at Liverpool University Archives

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/fosteringandadoption/fosteringandadoption_resources/fosteringandadoption_making_connections.htm

Information on how the charity Barnados can help

- www.birthlink.org.uk
A charity that can help trace both parties involved in an adoption
 - <http://www.baaf.org.uk/info/lpp/agencies/scotland.shtml>
The British Association for Adoption and Fostering - Scottish Adoption Agency
 - Glasgow City Archives has a useful page of links:
http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Care_Support/Families_Children/Adoption_Fostering/Usefullinks
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There are many other charities that work with both individuals who have been adopted and people who are tracing those who have been adopted. Advice can be found on the websites above or from the Social Work Department.

Please note: The Scottish Borders Council is not responsible for the content of the websites of other organisations mentioned above.



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