

Other Sources of Help: Tracing Services

The Adopted Children Register (ACR)

The ACR contains a record of every person who has been adopted through a court in England or Wales. Provides information on applying for Adoption certificates, receiving information on original birth details and advice on making contact with adopted people and their relatives. They also register interest in wanting to be found (by both parties).

Web: www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/adoptions/

The British Agency for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF)

Deal with issues and tracing concerning adoption and fostering.

Tel: 020 7421 2600

Web: www.baaf.org.uk

British Red Cross

Will deliver family news internationally when normal means of communication have broken down due to war or disaster. They will also trace family members internationally when the family has been separated and has lost contact due to war or disaster.

Tel: 0844 871 11 11

Web: www.redcross.org.uk/trace

Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB)

Children and Families Across Borders (CFAB) assists people who have been separated from family members as a result of divorce, migration, seeking asylum, trafficking and abduction.

Tel: 0207 735 8941

Web: www.cfab.uk.net

Friends reunited

Useful site to get in touch with long lost family members.

Web: www.friendsreunited.com/

General Register Office (GRO)

If the date of birth is not known, using the place of birth of the missing person, family members can contact the local Registrar of births, deaths and marriages in that area who may help with a date of birth.

England and Wales

Tel: 0870 243 77 88

Web: www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/

Scotland

Tel: 0131 334 0380

Web: www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/

Northern Ireland

Web: www.groni.gov.uk/index.htm

Southern Ireland

Tel: +353 (0) 90 6632900

Web: www.groireland.ie/

The GRO can assist with obtaining public records in the UK, including birth, marriage and death certificates. Can also supply full date of birth if place of birth and approximate age is known (for a small fee).

Missing-you.net

This is an internet message board where anyone can post messages asking for information or appealing for the missing person to get in touch.

Web: <http://missing-you.net/>

Prisoner Location Services

Prisoner Location Services can be contacted when a family wishes to trace someone who is believed to be in prison custody but do not know his or her exact whereabouts.

Web: www.justice.gov.uk/guidance/prison-probation-and-rehabilitation/prisoner-location-service.htm

People Tracer

People Tracer covers both past and present edited Electoral Roll and unique matches from its People Tracer Register database. All People Tracer Register records will contain name and address as well as age (sourced from consumer data), length of residence, telephone number, other occupants and a property description, where available. People Tracer charge a fee for this service.

Web: www.peopletracer.co.uk

The Salvation Army Family Tracing Service

The Salvation Army will trace family members (including husband and wives, but not friends or partners) and will search for someone if you have been out touch for many years. They require a full name and date of birth. The Salvation Army has offices all over the world.

Tel: 0845 634 4747

Web: www1.salvationarmy.org.uk/familytracing

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For further information and guidance on the issues addressed in this guidance sheet, or for support relating to any aspect of someone going missing, call Missing People's free and confidential 24 hour helpline on 116 000 or email 116000@missingpeople.org.uk

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Please let us know whether this guidance has been useful, either by answering a few short questions at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MissingPeopleGuidance> or by emailing your comments to policyandresearch@missingpeople.org.uk