

## Coram Adoption: Film Transcript

### How we support you

Graham: The relationship with our social worker was really good. Always extremely professional.

Shezad: She was very accommodating, as well as knowledgeable about the situation.

Pamela: I think the thing about Coram is that they are very careful, they do pair you with somebody who is a compliment to the resources you're bringing to the situation.

Rob: We were assigned our social worker and we had meetings, I think it was about every two weeks, it might have been every month.

Susan: You just sit down and have a chat – but obviously she has got to find and know everything about you, so from the time you were born, to your family, how many brothers and sisters you may have.

Paul: And lots of discussions about our own childhoods and how we were parented.

Rob: Those meetings were quite interesting because it was almost like counselling for us.

Carol: It was like free therapy.

Rachel: People might feel it uncomfortable talking about certain intimate things about their lives, if they're private, but she didn't do it in an intrusive way. She was... and she wasn't judgemental.

Paul: Your social worker is looking to get to know you incredibly well so that they can make a really good... they can make a good match.

Pamela: The back story for all of this is – they want the best for that child. That child has been through something and they want to make it as seamless as possible.

Paul: We needed to be able to reflect on our own experiences in order to make... to be good enough parents. And that was nice that we only had to be good enough parents, I always hang onto that: that you don't have to be a perfect parent, you have to be good enough.