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Date of Trust Board Meeting: 24 June 2020

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Agenda item: Adoption Panel Report

1.0 Introduction

The annual Adoption report provides an overview of the Trust’s adoption panel in regards to demonstrating the wide range of functions the panel fulfils and the outcomes for children and young people in regards to permanency.

2.0 Background information

The introduction of legal adoption established an important service and has made it possible for children, whose parents are unable to care for them, to become permanent members of new families.

All children are entitled to grow up in a loving family that can meet their needs throughout their childhood and beyond. For most children, this will be the family into which they are born. For a small but significant number of these children, adoption will provide the best opportunity for them to enjoy a family for life.

The adoption report demonstrates how South Eastern Trust meets Adoption legislation and the 2017 regional policy and procedures.

3.0 Brief summary of key points contained in the paper/s

The attached report provides clarity in regards to the governance arrangements and oversight of decision making and in addition clarifies the requirement for directors of the adoption agency in this instance South Eastern Trust to be members of the Adoption panel.

4.0 Recommendation/s for the Trust Board (please state if the paper/s is for

information/noting or for approval by Board members)

For information.

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Designation: Director of Children's Services & Executive Director of Social Work

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