

APPENDIX D

Breakdown of Genealogy survey results

Are you a genealogist or a family history researcher?

Genealogist	57.9%
Family history researcher	42.1%

Have you assisted adoptees in tracing their family tree?

Yes	100%
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If you answered 'Yes' to Q2, have you assisted an adoptee in a professional or personal capacity?

Personal capacity	57.9%
Professional capacity	42.1%

In compiling information for an adoptee on their family background have you used DNA information, databases and records or both?

Both - DNA information and records	63.2%
Records only	31.6%
DNA information	5.3%

If you have used DNA information - what platform did you use?

(Respondents were given the functionality to select more than one option)

AncestryDNA	100%
GEDmatch	69.2%
MyHeritage	53.8%
Family Tree DNA	53.8%
23andMe	46.2%

How many adoptees have you assisted?

1-5 adoptees	78.9%
5-10 adoptees	5.3%
10-20 adoptees	15.8%

Has your work led to adoptees being able to contact or reunite with their biological relatives?

Yes	78.9%
No	21.1%

Were you involved in facilitating or assisting contact or a reunion?

Yes	42.1%
No	47.4%
Rather not say	10.5%

If yes, was it a close relative (such as brother, sister, mother father) or a more distant relative (such as first or second cousin)?

Close relative	50%
Distant relative	20%
Other	30%

If 'yes' - given the nature of adoption, complexity of the relationships as a result of adoption and the associated psychological impact on all parties, was it a role you felt comfortable with?

(Respondents were given the opportunity to add their own responses.)

Yes and I would do it again	50%
Haven't really thought about it	9.1%
My aid was indirect	9.1%
Not applicable	9.1%
Not comfortable with direct contact to birth parent	9.1%

To the best of your knowledge have any of these contacts or reunions been successful with parties maintaining long term contact?

Yes	70.6%
No	11.8%
Rather not say	11.8%
Don't know	5.9%

In your considered opinion - do you feel that once a living relative becomes aware that they have a previously unknown biological relative who is an Adoptee who wishes to get information on their family tree - are they less likely or more likely to disclose or share information on biological ancestors, heritage or relatives to the adoptee?

Same likelihood as everyone else	52.6%
Don't know	26.3%
More likely	10.5%
Less likely	10.5%

Do you feel that it is harder or easier for Adoptees to get information on their biological heritage?

Harder	94.7%
Easier	5.3%