

## **Adopt if you want....but please be sure.**

“Adopt a child” they say, “make a difference to life. “

That’s for sure but didn’t mention the strife!

“A loving home is all they need”, they happily say,

Didn’t mention about disability and trauma, we may have all the way.

Children come from backgrounds where they’ve suffered so badly,

Bring trauma to yours, try to help them so gladly.

Family and relationships do suffer, sometimes they break,  
no understanding how a child can cause such real heartache.

Carer burnout is real, social care are so untrained,

Children come off their caseloads, more money to be gained.

Government funding for adoption is misused by greed, money for system, not families in need.

Ignorant to real life and what adoption could bring,

No understanding of future crisis or that alarm bells may ring.

No support is on offer, its fights every day, to get help we were promised in every way.

A lifetime of challenge, and destruction to your life,

An innocent child just ‘dumped’ on husband and wife.

Think adoption and trauma will disappear once in a home,

The crisis that unfolds become such a huge tome.

The lack of understanding from all is so hard to bare,

Life turns to a battle for support, that’s never been there,

Those that promised support suddenly disappear so quick ,

Parental blame is their ‘go to fix’, to justify, failed systemic ‘tricks.’

Fight for your child, their happiness and needs,

Whilst agencies milk the system, for their greed.

Isolation is real, ptsd happens to so many, no accountability at all, trauma training? there aint any.

Children, Siblings, parents , left to rot, where accountability and promises care not a jot.

If you fight for your rights, you get vendetta and blame,

Or Safeguarding and care proceedings, used corruptly to shame .

Complaints system not fit, for purpose at all, lies and manipulation, they have such a ball.  
Investigated in house, own homework is marked, outcomes so distorted and complainants get narked.

Injustice is rife, the system is shot, our failed social care system, has gone badly to pot.

Why is the system so dreadfully flawed? Care of the vulnerable? it seems so bored.

Jobs for the boys, no money for care, but plenty for legal to happily share,

The innocent who care, try so hard as a whole,

but blame is pointed at them, to hide systemic control.

Would I adopt again knowing how much I care? the life I've given 5 is extremely rare.

Not a chance in hell would I endure such pain, due to the system so flawed , for their gain.

The children themselves were the easiest part, fighting the system that fails, became such an art.

Preventative funding is needed for training and support,

less damage to children, their families and cohort.

A Duty of care, what does that mean?

A cover up for big guns, who never get seen.

Hide in their offices, think the world is all smiles, no idea of reality or understand of our trials.

Social care, legal, and courts need to listen to us, we are the experts, in all of this fuss.

Families are failed, blamed and lied about too often,

Whilst trauma and unmet need unaddressed and unspoken.

A total overhaul of systems, trauma support and more,

Is required post adoption, for those it's intended for.

I love my now adults, this isn't their fault, but some have caused hell, and we have fought.

We didn't hit a brick wall, we went through it with force,

Too much for one family, huge pain, no remorse.

3 of my 5 I no longer see, their trauma too deep, poor attachment they flee.

Broke our hearts, for years, the pain too much to endure,

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