

Adoption Example Profile: *This is a portrayal of children for whom we are seeking families*

Lizzi is blossoming into a delightful, responsive little girl who enjoys the company of others and is full of smiles and laughter.



Lizzi loves music, singing and playing with toys. She loves being outdoors, going for walks or to the shops. She enjoys water and regularly swims.

Lizzi embraces new experiences and hates boredom, she is clear about her likes and dislikes although she does not speak, communicating with verbal tones and smiles.

Lizzi has significant medical and developmental needs. She has cerebral palsy which affects all four limbs and her vision.

Lizzi has bilateral subluxed hips. (X-rays show her hips are markedly pulled out) but she is becoming increasingly confident in a standing frame. She may be considered for an operation on her hips in the future. She is likely to always have restricted mobility and has a wheelchair especially designed for her posture and comfort.

Lizzi is registered blind but can follow light and hand movements. It is anticipated that she will be introduced to a communication system for blind children. Lizzi experienced feeding difficulties which eventually resulted in her been given a gastrostomy (tube fed) at eighteen months of age. She continues to use this method for feeding but is given oral tasters which she much enjoys. Lizzi has been diagnosed with epilepsy but this is stabilized with medication and she has not experienced any seizures since coming to live with her foster carer.

Lizzi attends Special School five mornings a week. She enjoys going to school and this part of her routine is very important to her.

Contact: Indirect contact with her birth mother and her siblings.

Family Required: Lizzi needs a family who can respond to her complex needs, enjoy her personality and appreciate her strengths. Lizzi is looking for a family who are prepared to provide a loving and stable home whatever Lizzi's future potential. Lizzi needs a family with an understanding of the challenges a child with disabilities may face within society. Lizzi will need to attend the multiple appointments required in monitoring her developmental and health needs.

Preferred area for placement: *No location restrictions*

Legal:
Placement Order

Ethnic origin:
White British

Support:
*Support from post adoption team
Due to Lizzi's developmental and medical needs a comprehensive package of support, including a financial allowance, will be offered.*

REFERENCE NUMBER: XXX/XXX

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