

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

Michael has blonde fine, fair complexion, short hair and blue eyes. He is a child of slight build for his age. He is an articulate and inquisitive little boy. Michael has a beautiful 'cheeky little smile' and can be funny. He is happy when he has one to one attention. He is a loveable little boy; affectionate and loves cuddles. Michael is a very active, explorative little boy who, initially, needed a lot of supervision. He has a low attention span than what would be expected of a child of a similar age. He quickly shifts from one activity to another; however he can

play longer if he is playing with another child.

Michael enjoys playing with cars and big trucks. Michael prefers robust, rough and tumble play to quiet manipulative activities. Michael loves playing with water. Michael's ability to concentrate is improving as he can sit longer and enjoys watching television. His favourite programmes are Scooby Doo and Postman Pat.

Michael has experienced several foster care placements due to various circumstances of his foster carers. His unsettled behaviours have improved since being in his current and stable placement.

Michael is displaying positive attachment behaviour towards both of his carers, especially his female carer who is his main carer. His carers are very fond of Michael and describe him as being a 'rewarding and lovely little boy'. If alone with his carer he is a 'different little boy'; open to affection. He spends longer time on his carer's knee than he did when he was first placed. Michael will follow his carer around the foster home and seek her out if he is distressed. He is able to take turns with his sister in receiving attention from his carers.

Michael currently attends 3 sessions weekly at nursery with his half-sister. He interacts well with other children. He is assertive and can stick up for himself but is not particularly aggressive. Michael enjoys playing with the water trough at nursery. It is anticipated that Michael's future educational needs will be met through mainstream as there have been no special needs identified at this stage. However, he may require some additional classroom/support if his attention and emotional difficulties persist.

Contact: Michael has an older half-brother and younger half-sister. Michael is currently in a foster care placement with his sister. He currently has direct contact with his brother. He currently has weekly supervised contact with his mother and stepfather. Indirect contact with Michael's birth parents and his brother are proposed once yearly. Adopters would need to promote some direct contact with his sister, Ellie, who is also being placed separately for adoption.

Family Required: Michael has experienced neglect in his early childhood. Michael's parents have a history of misusing illicit substances and alcohol. Michael needs a parent /s that have an understanding of how his early life experiences and frequent moves in foster care may have impacted on him. His family should have the capacity to be willing and able to continue to offer periods of good quality individual time.

Preferred area for placement: *Michael requires a placement outside of South East Northumberland, North Tyneside, Gateshead and Newcastle upon Tyne.*

Legal:	Ethnic origin:	Support:
Placement Order	White British	Support from post adoption team

REFERENCE NUMBER: XXX/XXX

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