

## **Press Release - 01-05-16**

### **LGSS Law – Appointed as legal advisers to the Coram Charity**

LGSS Law Ltd chosen as Legal Adviser to Coram for Project to Establish Regional Adoption Agency.

Coram, the highly regarded children's charity, has appointed LGSS Law as legal advisor to a ground breaking project to establish a regional adoption agency for East Anglia and parts of central England. The objective is to design and implement a collaboration between 6 local authorities and several voluntary adoption agencies to create a highly effective service joining up providers and commissioners in order to deliver the best results for client group of children.

LGSS Law was chosen due to its expertise and track record of advising on collaborations between organisations within the public and not for profits sectors.

LGSS Director Quentin Baker said;

“We're absolutely delighted to be supporting Coram in this innovative project which will draw on our expertise in supporting partnerships for service delivery. Coram has a long history of supporting children in our community and the team are really pleased to be involved.”

It is envisaged that the project will run for around two years during which the detailed design of the vehicle will be developed with the participating bodies ready for implementation in 2019.

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### **Background Information.**

The impetus for the exploration and establishment of Regional Adoption Agencies RAA's has come from the DfE who set out their vision in a paper released in June 2015 entitled Regionalising Adoption. This has been supplemented by a further paper entitled 'Adoption – A Vision for change', March 2016.

The DfE are keen to see the best practice in adoption to be consistently available across the country with a view to improving the services for adopted or adoptable children and their families. The DfE have invited local authorities and Voluntary Adoption Agencies to come forward with proposals on how best to achieve this in their areas.