

# AAI Annual Report 2020

## Key points



Rapid adaptation to COVID-19.

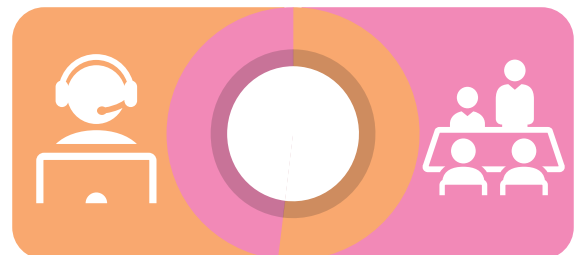
AAI operated and delivered a full service throughout the pandemic.

On 12 May, for the first time since its establishment in 2010, AAI held adoption hearings and orders using remote technology – Zoom.



New Minister, Roderic O’Gorman, appointed to the newly formed Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) in June.

39 adoption orders granted via Zoom during lockdown and 42 granted in person under strict social distancing protocols.



**81** domestic adoptions granted.



Welcome to AAI’s new Board Chairperson, the former Deputy Orlaith Traynor; new Deputy Chair, Sean O’Brien; and new Board member, Dr Sheila Greene, appointed 1 November 2020.



Commemorative booklet published in December to mark AAI’s ten-year anniversary.



AAI continued its oversight of intercountry adoptions.

**353** new registrants applied to the voluntary adoption contact preference register

**77** potential matches identified between new registrants and previously registered family members.



The Board of the AAI held 24 meetings throughout the year.



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Accredited Bodies remained on register.