Outcome Measures at Gateway Psychology

Understanding Outcome Measures and what they mean for you

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As of 4 December 2023, the Department for Education (DfE) will require the use of outcome measures to independently evaluate all Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF) financed therapies and interventions.

These measures will help to provide a better understanding of the most effective support for adopted and special guardianship children, young people, and families.

In accordance with DfE requirements, Gateway Psychology will issue questionnaires to parents/carers at the start and end of therapy work, the results of which will be shared with your Local Authority or Regional Adoption Agency.

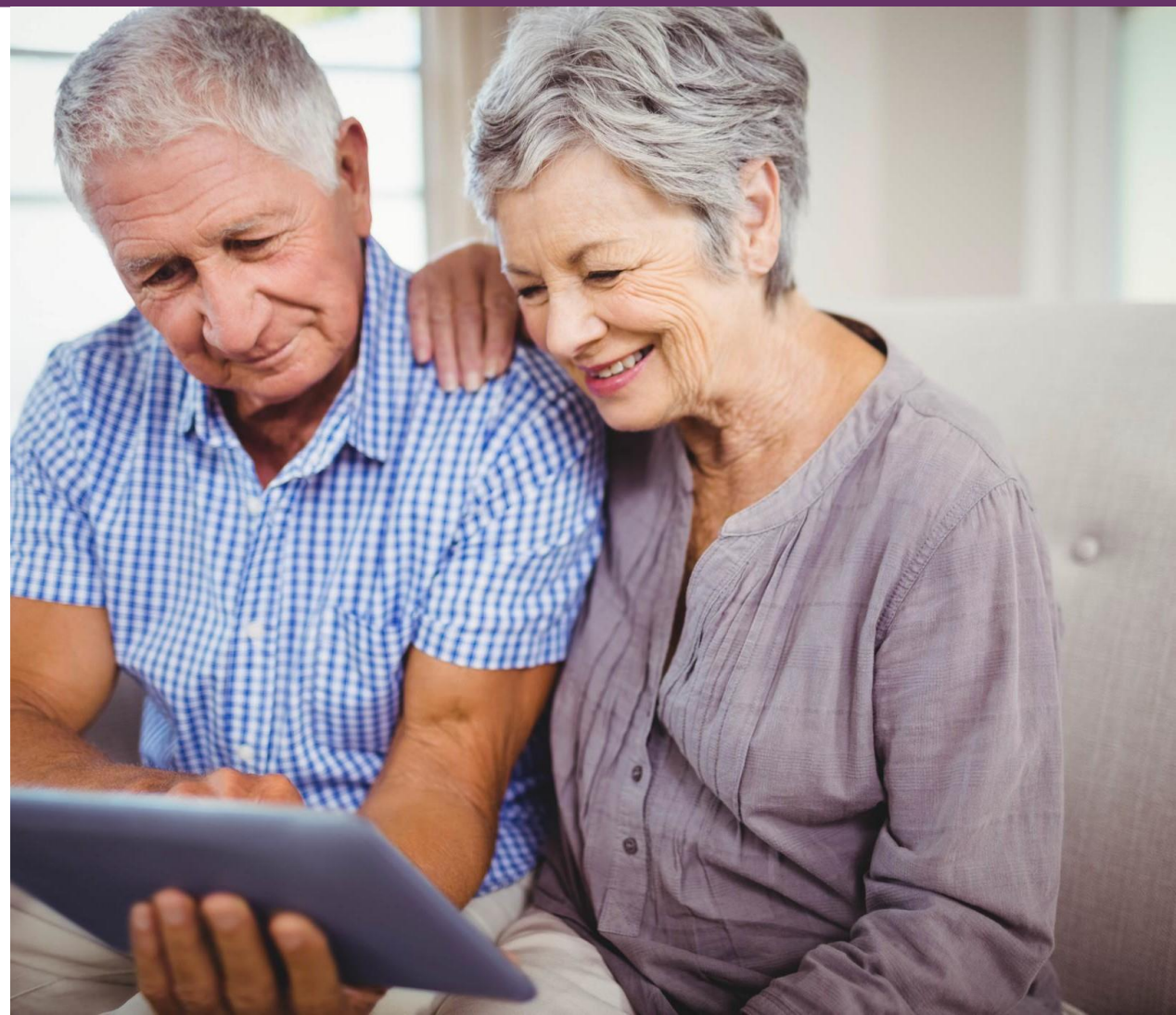
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What are Outcome Measures?

Outcome Measures are monitoring tools that we use to understand how your case is going.

They usually involve filling out a questionnaire at home or some paperwork with your clinician in the session.

We usually do them at the beginning and end of therapy, but they might happen more often depending on the type of Outcome Measure we do.



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Outcome Measures at Gateway Psychology

We have undertaken Outcome Measures for many years, so you might be used to filling out questionnaires with us.

Our main Outcome Measures at Gateway are:

- Thinking About Your Child (Revised)
- Goal Based Outcomes
- Experience of Service

We only have to report on **one** Outcome Measure to your Local Authority/Regional Adoption Agency.

We will be reporting on:

- Thinking About Your Child (Revised)
- Goal Based Outcomes *(as applicable)*

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What does this mean for you?

Before now, your clinician used Outcome Measures to monitor how things were going. We did not share them with a third party.

Now, once we have scored your questionnaires, the results will be shared with your Local Authority or Regional Adoption Agency.

The results of any Outcome Measure in no way impacts decisions about any application made to the ASGSF for your child or family. If you have any questions or concerns about sharing your data with your Regional Adoption Agency, please speak to your social worker.

Important:

We are required to share scores for each case.

Any data shared will be anonymised, we will only use your ASGSF reference number when submitting the data. This means your social worker will know your scores, but the ASGSF and DfE won't know they relate to you.

We will always ask for your consent to share your scores. You do not have to consent, and you can withdraw consent at any time.

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What does this mean for you?

Please be reassured that any data gathered will not be used to ‘monitor’ you as parents/carers.

The main purpose is to evaluate the overall effectiveness of all ASGSF provision to adoption families.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.



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Our contact information

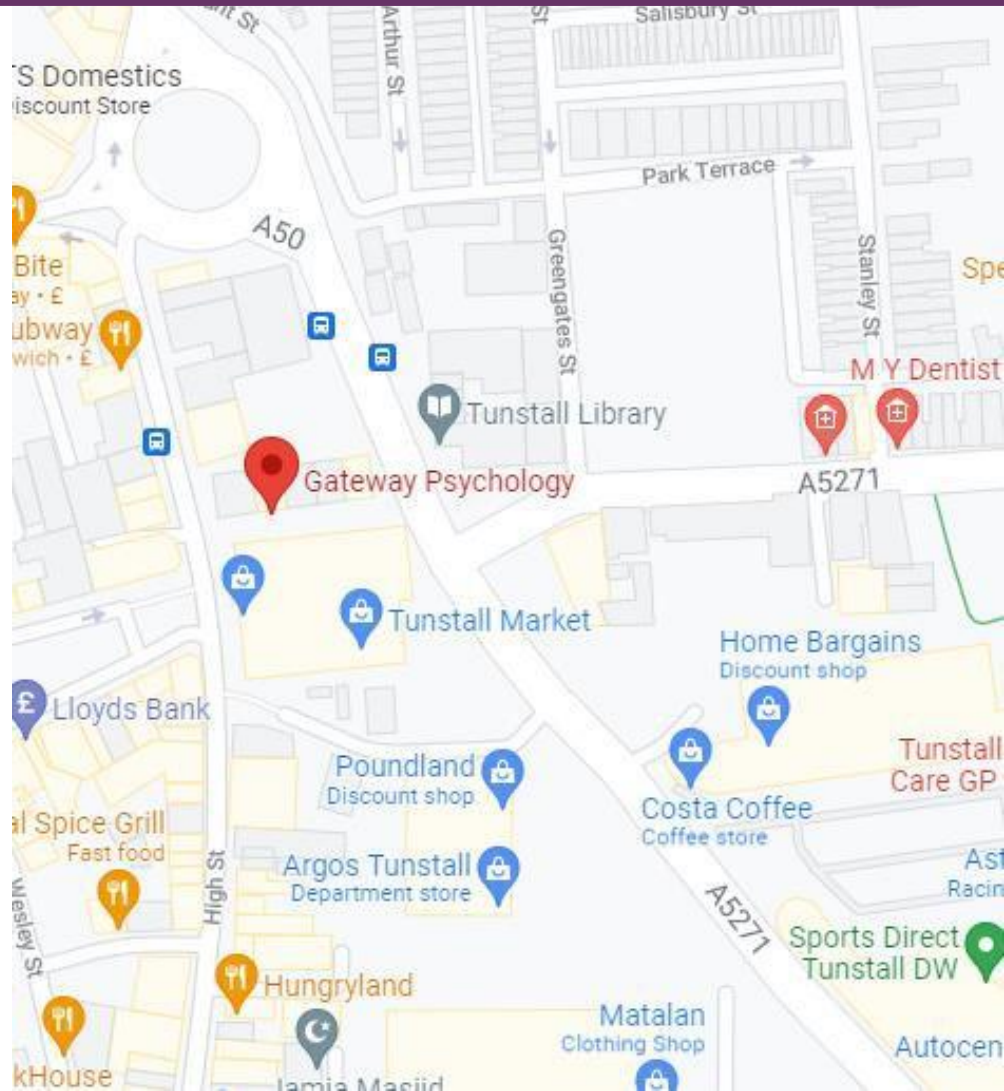
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