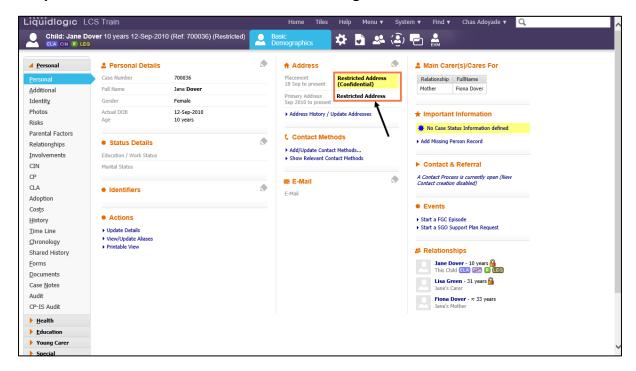
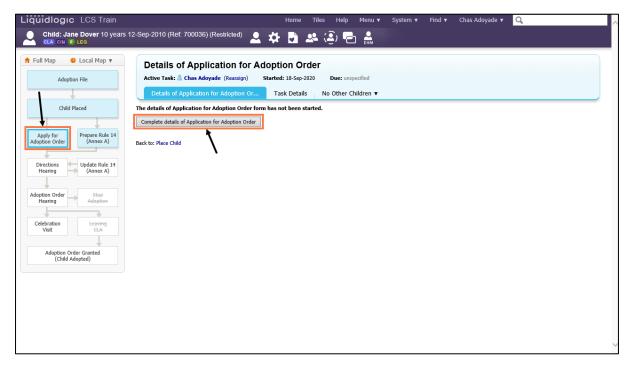


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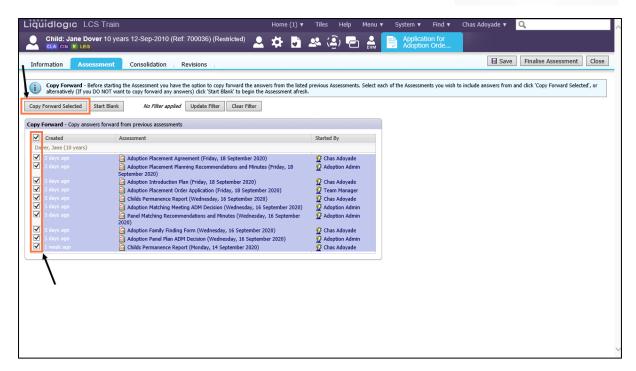


Once a child in the domestic adoption process has been placed with their adopter – i.e. the placement has gone live – the address on their record will become restricted, and only people with the relevant permissions will be able to see the new address.

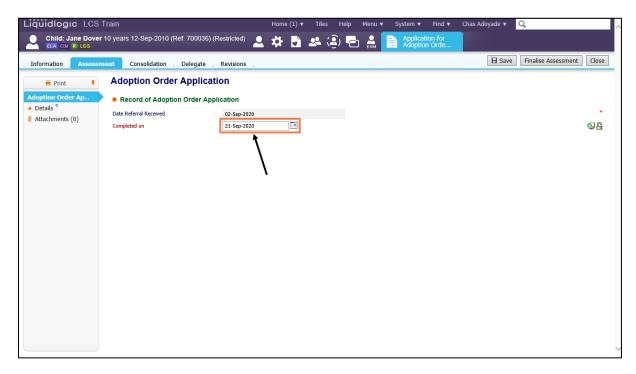


Once the Adoption Order has been applied for, the allocated social worker will go to this stage in the pathway and start the adoption order form.



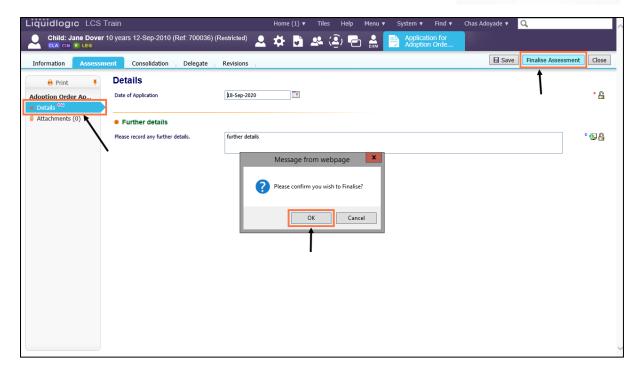


They will copy forward all of the relevant previous forms ...

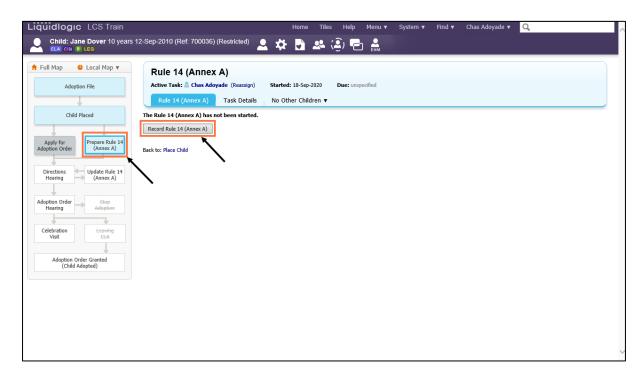


... and record the date.



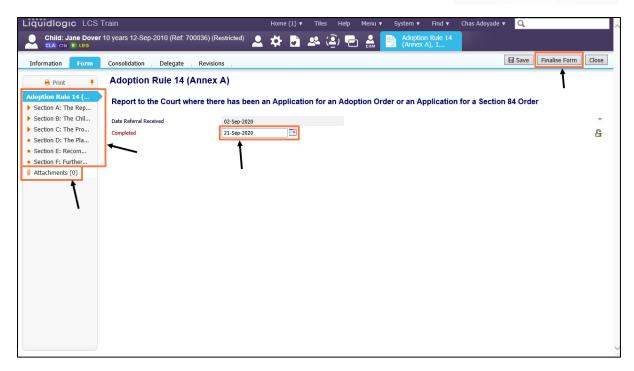


On the 'Details' page, any further details can be recorded, and the Adoption Order documents can be attached to the form if desired. The worker will 'Finalise' the form.

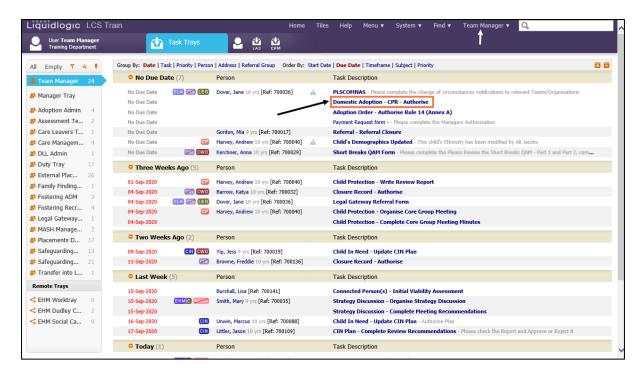


They will go to the 'Prepare Rule 14 (Annex A)' stage and start the form.



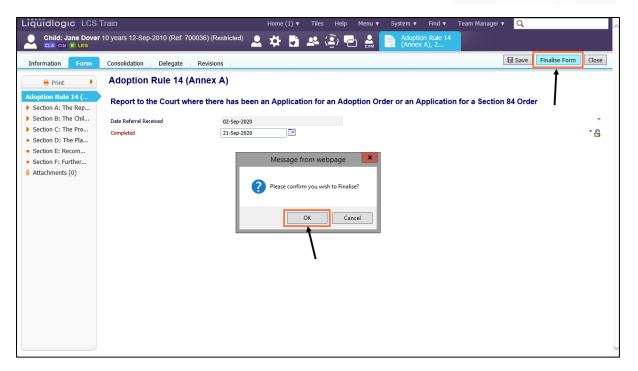


The 'Rule 14 (Annex A)' document is used in court, however, Dudley use a British Association of Adoption and Fostering (or BAAF) form, which would be completed outside of the system and then attached here on the Attachments page. Once done, the form is 'Finalised'.

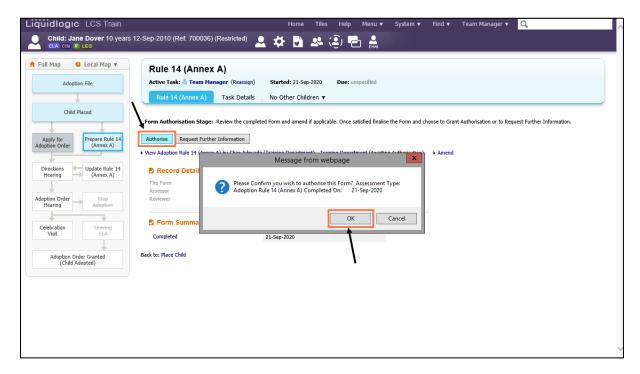


The form now needs to be authorised by a manager – who would access it from their worktray.





They would check through all of the information and 'Finalise' the form.

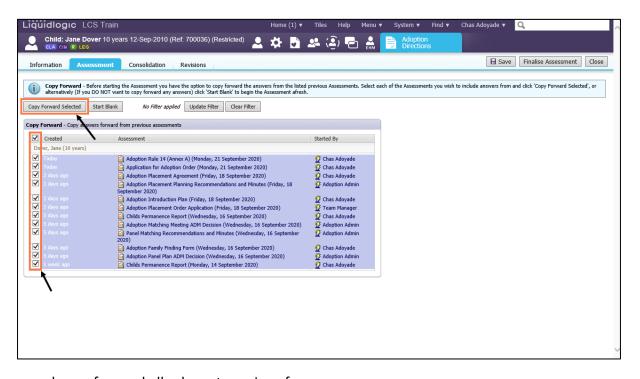


If the manager needed more information before they could authorise, they could send the form back to the worker by clicking 'Request Further Information'. If everything is ok, they will 'Authorise' it.



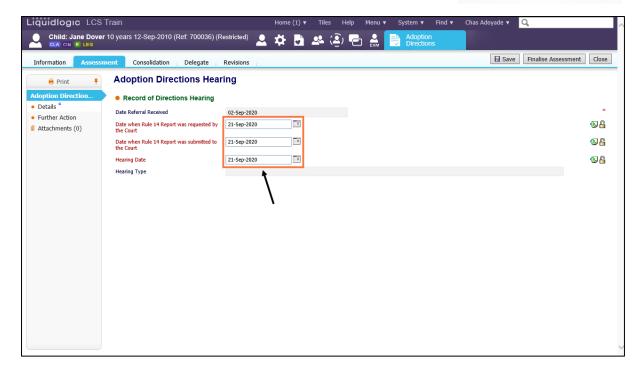


Once the Directions Hearing has taken place, the allocated social worker will go to the 'Directions Hearing' stage and open the form ...

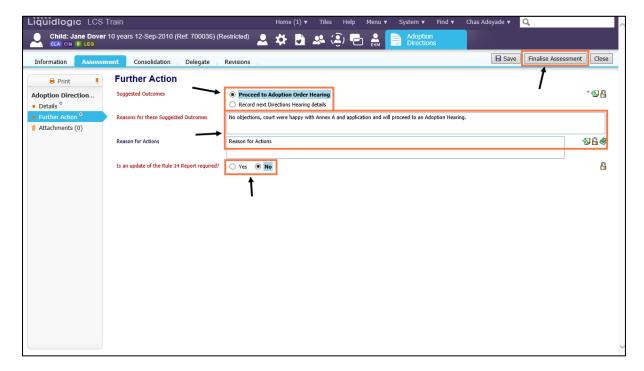


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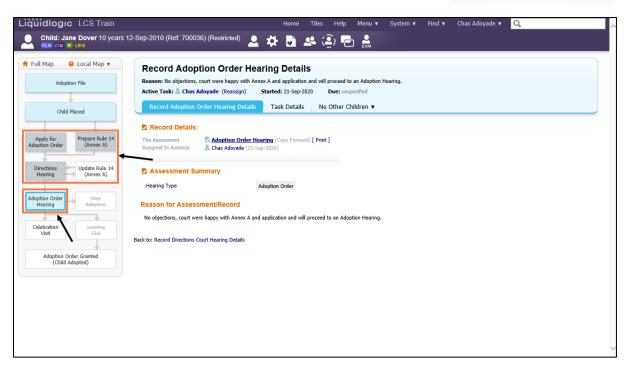


They will record the relevant dates ...



... and on the 'Further Action' page they will record the suggested outcome and the reasons for this... and whether an update to the Rule 14 report is needed. They will then 'Finalise' the form.





With the Directions Hearing stage now complete, the next step in the process is the Adoption Order Hearing.

Key points to take away:

- Once a child or young person has been placed with an adopter, the placement address will become restricted, and only visible to people with the relevant permissions.
- The Rule 14 (Annex A) is a BAAF form that Dudley will complete outside of the system and then attach to the relevant form record.
- The Directions Hearing is the final opportunity for the child's parent to formally object to the adoption process.