

A Social Worker by virtue of working in an office became aware of an individual's consideration of adoption services. The Social Worker subsequently contacted the individual who was not a client, regarding private adoption.

The individual was known to the Social Worker through community contact and external family relations.

A complaint to the Regulator, of amongst other things, alleged conflict of interest.

The Social Worker admitted her actions were harmful to the professional standards for Social Workers.

Importantly, however, it was also accepted that her actions were not with malice and did not include for example clandestine review of confidential records.

Upon acceptance of responsibility and commitment to conclude education regarding ethics and boundaries, the Discipline committee accepted a Voluntary resolution wherein a reprimand would be placed in the Member's file.