

5.4.5 Had the report's recommendations been adopted by government or child migration agencies, the result would have brought future child migration work, and the care of children already sent overseas, more into line with the standards expected by the Curtis Report. But it is not apparent that the report had any immediate impact on the practice of child migration. Some of even its most strongly urged recommendations seem to have been ignored by those involved in child migration, including the UK Government. Nevertheless the tenor of the report is an indicator, and possibly an accelerator, of a shift in opinion which we know, alongside other forces, was undermining confidence in the merits of child migration.