## A BETTER DEAL FOR DADS



Usdaw wants dads and partners of new mothers to get a better deal when it comes to time off work to care ...

## Paternity leave is too short and poorly paid.

New dads/partners and parents who are the secondary carer of a couple who are adopting only get two weeks off work when a baby is born or a child is placed for adoption. Many dads/partners and secondary adoptive parents can't afford to take two weeks off because the leave is paid at a flat rate of just over £145 and doesn't replace their lost earnings.

Helping dads/partners to look after a new child is good for everyone; dads stay involved in childcare even after they go back to work, children bond better with their dads and mums don't end up doing all the caring in the family.











## Usdaw wants the Government to better support working dads and partners of new mothers and adoptive parents.

## Will you support our call for:

- Longer and better paid paternity leave.
- A right to paid time off work to attend antenatal appointments with the mother, or in the case of adoptive parents a right to paid time off work to attend pre-adoption appointments with the primary adoptive parent. At present dads, partners and the partner in a couple who are jointly adopting have the right to attend two antenatal/pre-adoption appointments but this right is unpaid and so is of little use.
- More flexible paternity leave enabling dads and partners to have more of a say in how and when they take time off.





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