

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**



**Corporate Parenting
Board**

Performance Report

January 2017

(data as at November 2016)

Key Points to Note

Demographics

A considerably lower proportion of LAC are from BME backgrounds compared to the Wolverhampton CYP population.

The number of Looked After Children continues to decrease although considerable further reduction is required to bring Wolverhampton in line with our comparators.

Placements

In-house Foster Carers trend data shows that the percentage of children placed with in-house foster carers is at its highest in the past two years although actual numbers remain static.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home remains at 13%.

The indicators that look at placement stability have remained static in the month against a backdrop of reducing LAC numbers and increased adoptions. However, stability generally continues to show positive results and demonstrates that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from stable placements.

Routes into Care and Ofsted Ratings

This data shows which proportion of LAC were known to children's services in the 30 days prior to becoming looked after and the proportion of LAC that are asylum seekers and UASC (unaccompanied asylum seekers). Please note that children are classed as CiN if they are in the process of being assessed and may not have been CiN for very long or the subject of formal CiN plans. On-going work is being undertaken to identify how many children were also known to Early Help services and it is anticipated that this will be available by the end of the year.

The report now also shows the number of children placed in children's homes and the Ofsted ratings of those homes - of the 36 children currently placed in children's homes, 29 (80%) are in homes that are rated good or outstanding.

Assessments and Reviews

Assessments and Reviews of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton remain generally up to date although performance has dropped in the past few months to 94%. The percentage of children that participated in their reviews remains at 93% which is the same as the year out turn 2015/16 result of 93%.

Education

The 2015 KS2 results show that performance of Wolverhampton LAC has deteriorated compared with 2014 across reading, writing and maths. 2015 comparator data has now been updated and shows that Wolverhampton performed slightly worse in KS4 but better in GCSEs.

GCSE performance is more positive compared with last years out-turn - with 20% of LAC achieving 5 GCSEs grade A-C including English and Maths compared to 17% last year.

Please noted that small numbers can make these measurements volatile. For further information about the education attainment of LAC in Wolverhampton please refer to the Virtual School Head teacher annual report.

Health

The percentage of children with up to date dental checks was 85% at the end of November. This result remains significantly higher than the 60% of children in the general Wolverhampton population that have seen a dentist in the past 2 years which is falling.

The percentage of health checks that are up to date is also at 85% at the end of November, a slight decrease on the year end out-turn 2015/16 of 88%. Most children who do not have up to date health checks are placed outside of the city.

Leaving Care

Adoption - Adoption timeliness in 2016/17 continue to perform above national targets. There have been 24 adoptions so far in 2016/17, 73% of being within timescales.

The adoption pipeline shows that there are currently 72 children with a plan of adoption, 37 of which have placement orders or are currently placed for adoption. The placements and plans for some of the children are currently being reviewed and not all the children will be adopted.

62 children were adopted in 15/16 compared to 51 in the previous year. This is extremely positive.

Care Leavers - The percentage of Care Leavers in Employment Education and Training cohort has changed to include all children and young adults who turn 17 to 21 in the year. At the end of November 56% of 17-21 year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. NALM (not available for the labour market) data has now been included and shows that out of 147 care leavers in the cohort, 78% of care leavers are available for work with 22% (41 young people) not available due to pregnancy or young motherhood, illness or disability or because they are in custody.

Work continues in this area to ensure that education, employment and training information is recorded and updated.

The proportion of care leavers currently deemed to be in suitable accommodation is also included and shows that 90% of the cohort are currently in suitable accommodation.

Demographics



58167 children aged 0-17 live in Wolverhampton
22.9% of the total population

ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

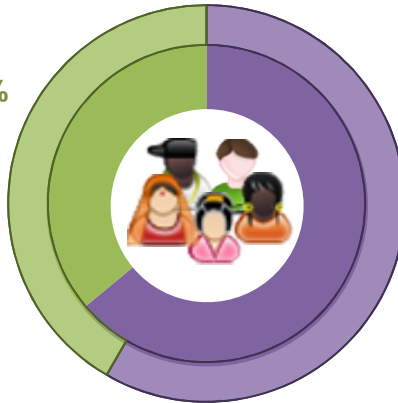
48.8% of the CYP population and 41.4% of LAC are female



51.2% of the CYP population and 58.6% of LAC are male



41.6% of the CYP population and 36.0% of LAC are BME

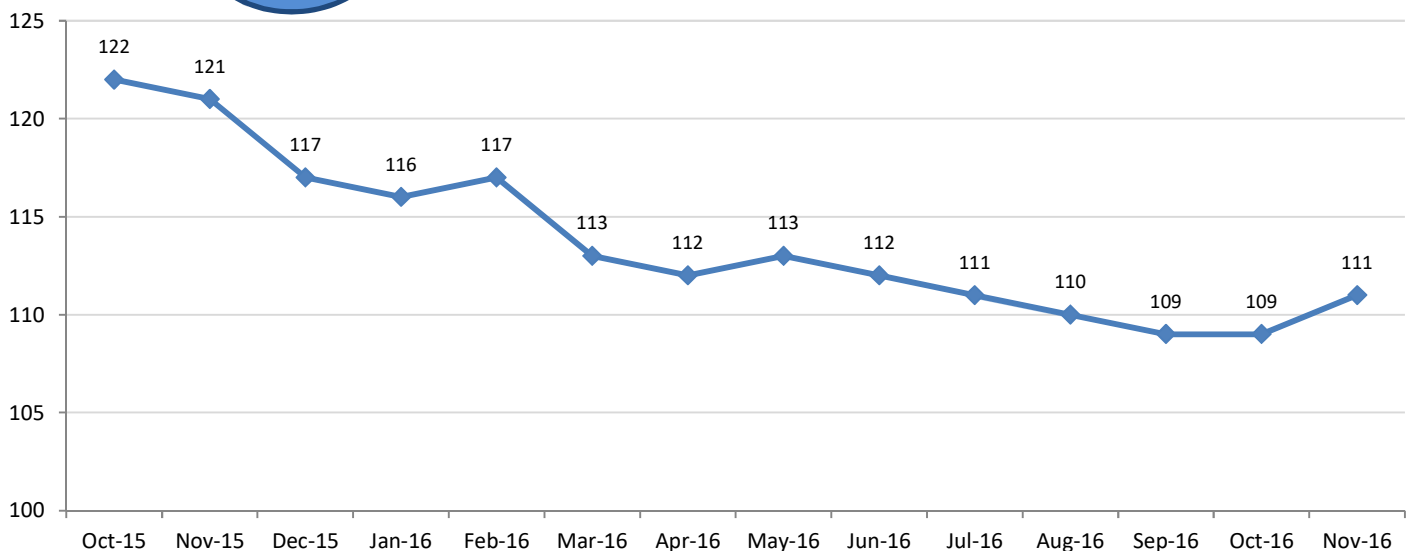
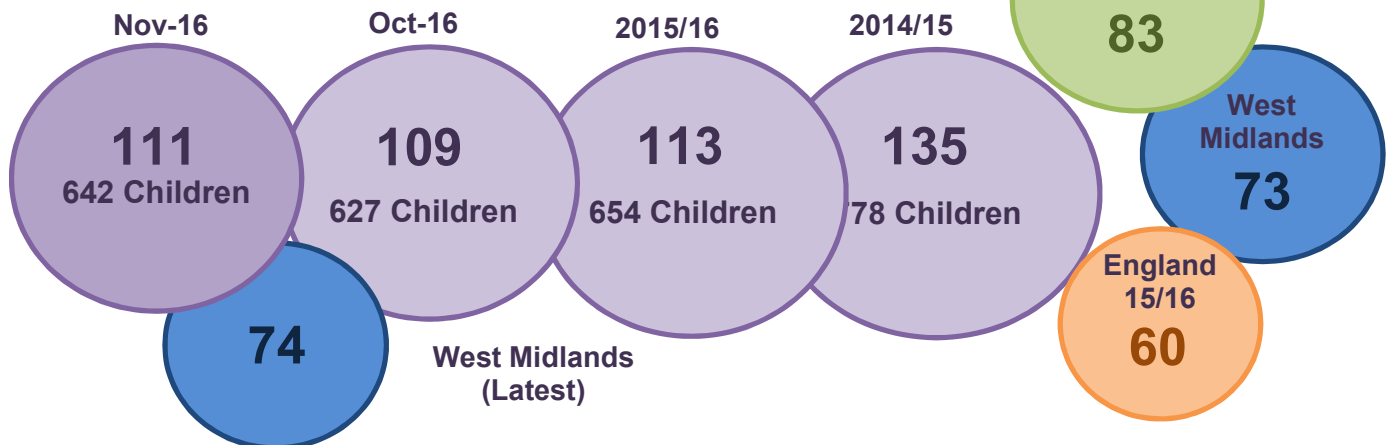


58.4% of the CYP population and 64.0% of LAC are white

Inner circle represents the LAC population, the outer circle is the CYP population

Looked After Children Population

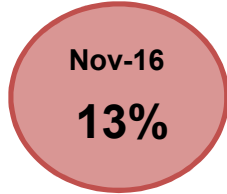
Rate of LAC per 10,000 population aged 0-17



Placements

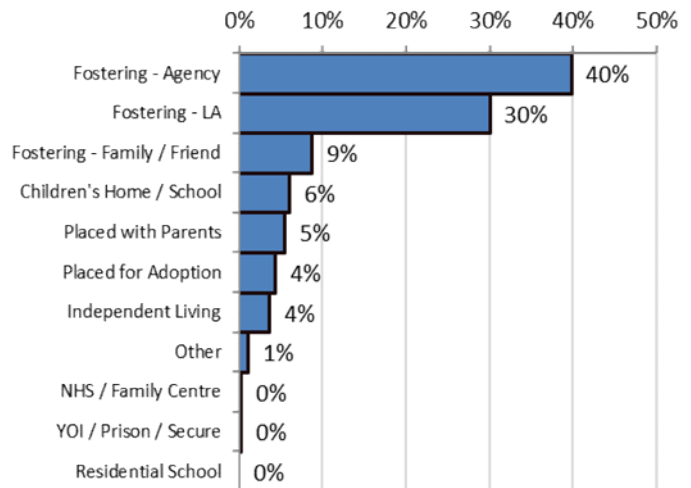


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

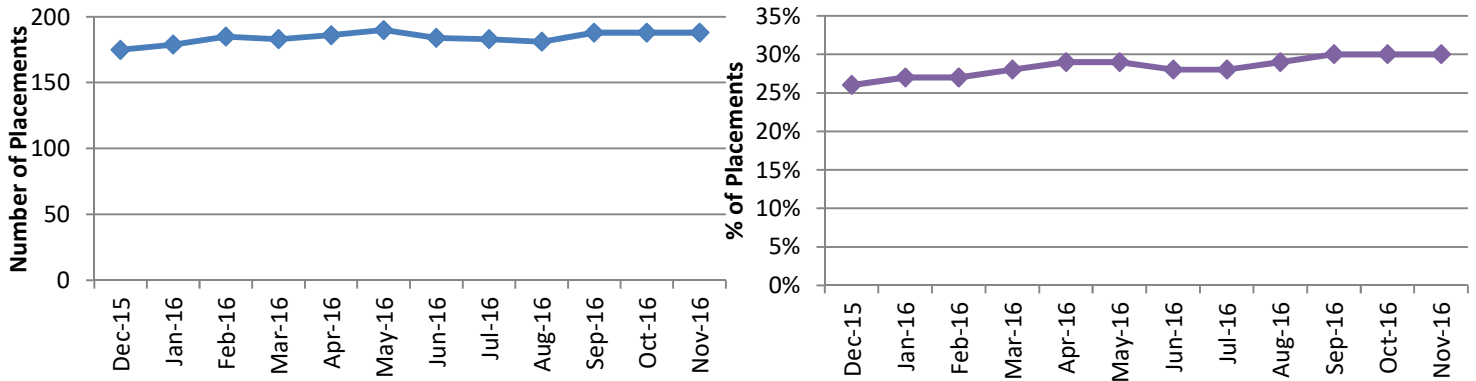


2014/15 Out-turn = 16%
2013/14 Out-turn = 13%
2013/14 Comparator = 15%
2013/14 England = 13%

LAC Placements



In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers remains high due to decreases in other placements. The number of in-house foster care placements increased in the month after a period of decline to 188

Placement Stability

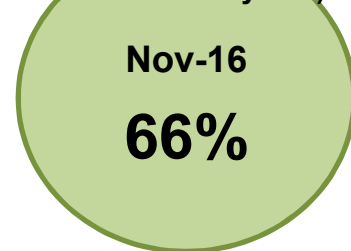


LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months



2014/15 - 87.00%
West Midlands - 90.00%
Stat Neighbours - 90.30%
England - 90.00%

% of children in same placement for 2 years or more or placed for adoption (when looked after for more than 2.5 years)



2014/15 - 69.00%
West Midlands - 68.00%
Stat Neighbours - 66.80%
England - 68.00%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages and percentages of stable relationships has remained fairly static in the year

Routes into Care and Ofsted Ratings



% of LAC know to LA 30 days
prior to becoming LAC

90%

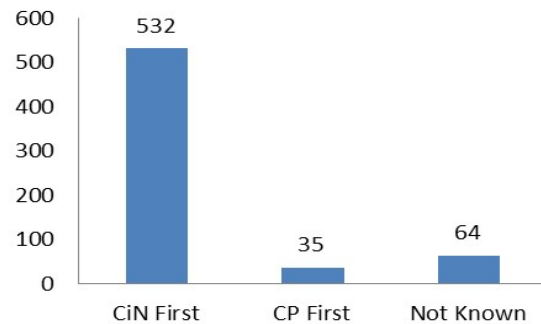
% of LAC who are
Asylum Seekers

0.16%

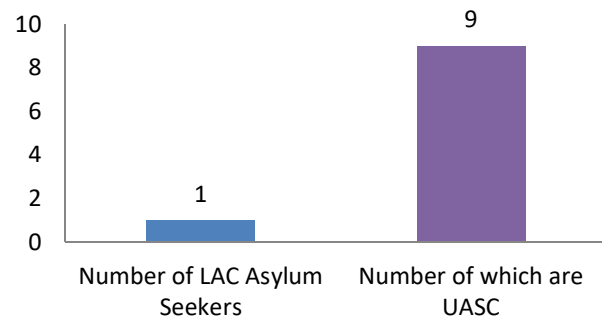
% of LAC in Good or
Outstanding
Children's Homes

80%

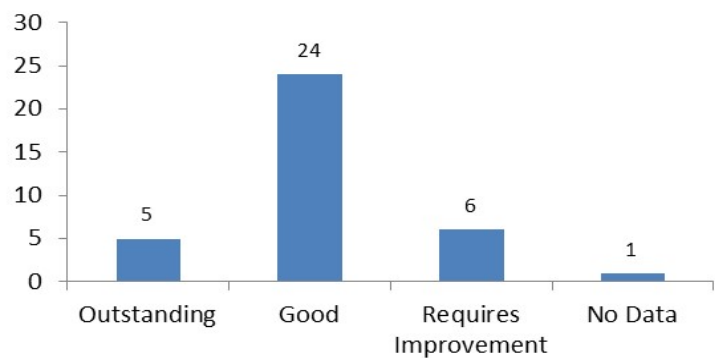
Knowledge of Child Pre-LAC (30 days)



How many LAC are Asylum Seekers



Number of Children in Residential Care Homes by OFSTED Rating



Assessments & Reviews



Average caseload of
LAC children for LAC
social workers

21

30% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 22% who have been looked after for less than a year have had 3 or more social workers in the past 12 months

This is an improving picture

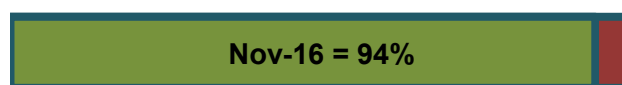
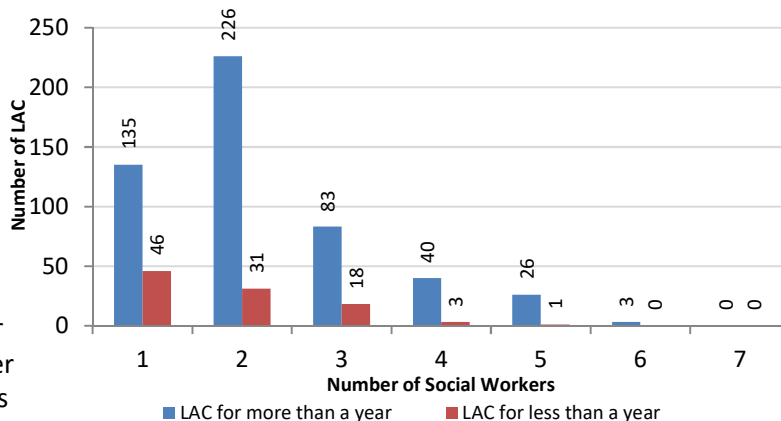
Looked After Children with up to date assessments

An up to date assessments is one that has been authorised within the last 6 months.

Looked After Children whose reviews have been completed on time

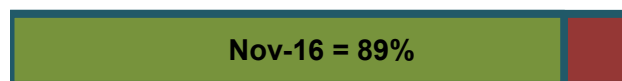
First Review is within 20 working days. Second review within 3 months. Third and subsequent reviews every 6 months

Number of Social Workers LAC have had in the past 12 months



2015/16 Out-turn = 97%

2014/15 Out-turn = 96%



2015/16 Out-turn = 90%

2014/15 Out-turn = 91%

94% of LAC assessments are currently up to date, a decrease from 97% at the end of March 2016

Since 1st April 2016, 1047 reviews have been completed with only 86 not completed within timescales.

The proportion of LAC reviews where the child was present or contributed by other means since 1st April 2015

93%

Nov-16

Performance in LAC participation in reviews since year out turn 15/16 has remained stable at 93%. This is still lower than year out turn 14/15

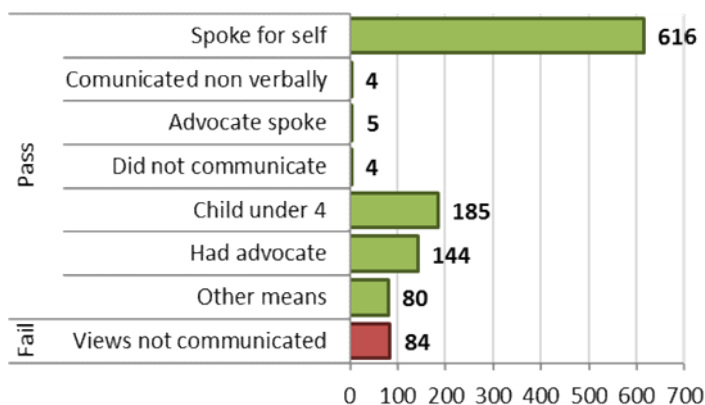
93%

2015/16 Out-turn

98%

2014/15 Out-turn

Full Answers for Participation



Education



| KS2 Level 4 | Maths | Reading | Writing | Reading, Writing and Maths | GCSEs | 5+ GCSE A* - C inc Eng & Maths |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|
| Wolverhampton LAC 2015 | 60% | 67% | 53% | 50% | | 20.0% |
| Wolverhampton 2015 | 86% | 89% | 86% | 80% | | 51.6% |
| Wolves LAC 2014 | 74% | 78% | 81% | 70% | | 17.0% |
| West Midlands 2015 | 63% | 69% | 58% | 51% | | 14.3% |
| Statistical Neighbours 2015 | 61% | 68% | 55% | 51% | | 16.7% |
| England 2015 | 64% | 71% | 61% | 52% | | 13.8% |

PLEASE NOTE: Small numbers in the cohort reaching each key stage can cause results to be volatile making comparison difficult.

National results show that looked after children reaching KS2 level 4 in Maths, Reading and Writing in 2015 performed worse than in 2014. However, performance in GCSE's was better.

Detailed analysis of LAC educational performance was presented to the Panel via the Virtual School Head teacher report. Please note that there is some discrepancies when nationally published data is compared with locally held data - it is the national data that is presented here.

The proportion eligible LAC with an up to date Personal Education Plan (PEP)



90%
2015/16 Out-turn

89%
2014/15 Out-turn

83%
PEPS (Years 1 -11)
- Nov-16

67%
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- Nov-16

LAC Absence from School - 2015
(taken from nationally published data)

* Children looked after for 12 months or more

Unauthorised Absence *

1.1%

West Midlands - 0.70%
Statistical Neighbours - 0.91%
England - 1.00%

Overall Absence *

3.8%

West Midlands - 3.70%
Statistical Neighbours - 3.78%
England - 4.0%

LAC Persistent Absence

3.70%

West Midlands - 3.60%
Statistical Neighbours - 4.45%
England - 4.90%

There has been an increase in the number of PEP's in the month and both indicators still show a strong result.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT: Work is continuing to develop a detailed, local, virtual schools report. As that work progresses, further information will be reported here.

LAC Health



60% of children in the
Wolverhampton Local Authority
Area have seen a dentist in the last
two years

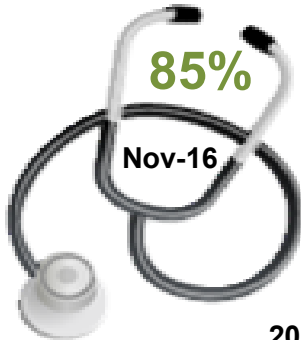
Dental Checks



2015/16 Out-turn = 89%

2014/15 Out-turn = 81%

Health Checks



2015/16 Out-turn = 88%

2014/15 Out-turn = 82%

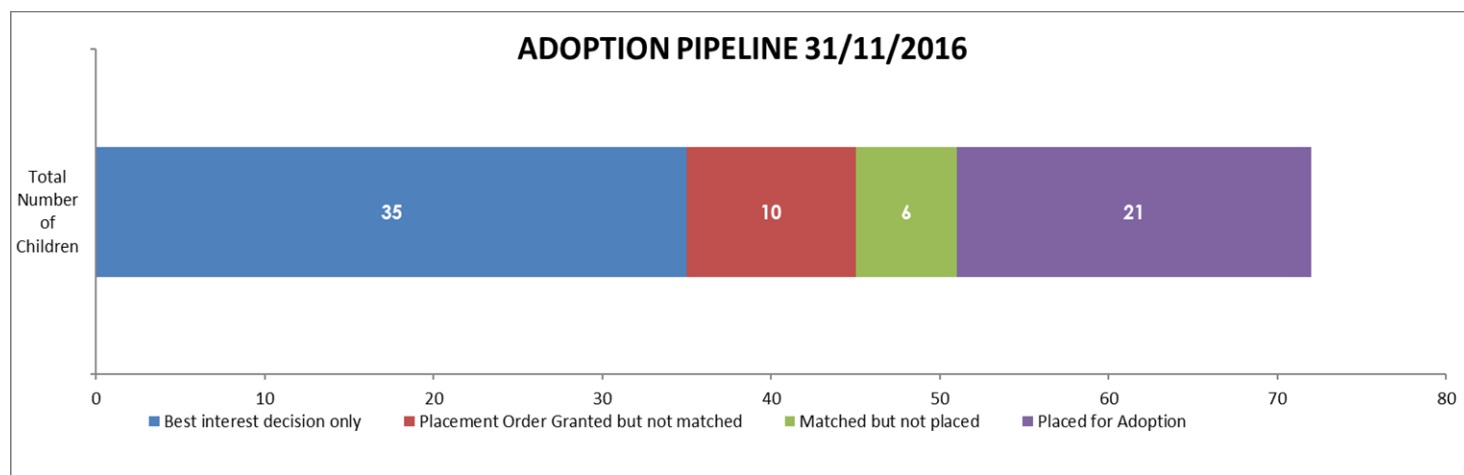
There has again been a slight decrease
in performance since year out turn
however results in this area remain
strong as a result of improved working
with the CCG and RWT

Leaving Care



| Children Adopted | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 (to date) |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------|
| | 50 | 51 | 61 | 24 |

Adoptions



Adoption Scorecard Results

The adoption scorecard is calculated using results and performance over a three year period

A1 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

611 Days

3 Year avg 2014-2017

(734 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match

243 Days

3 year avg 2014-2017

Target - 121 days

A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

468 Days

3 year avg 2014-2017

(488 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

Single year performance (2015/16 - Provisional)

A1 - 652 days with 64% of children adopted within timescales

A2 - 238 days

A10 - 518 days

Single year performance (2016/17 as at 31st July)

A1 - 509 days with 73%% of children adopted within timescales

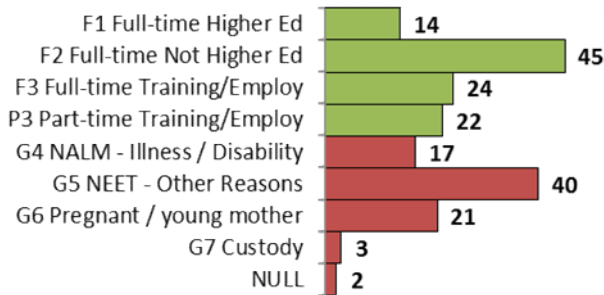
A2 - 203 days

A10 - 479 days

The adoption scorecards for 2012-15 were published in March 2016. Wolverhampton were once again rated 'double red' in the two key indicators, however, performance around adopting hard to place children including those over the age of 5 and from BME backgrounds continues to be better than performance nationally. Detailed analysis of the results has been undertaken and is available.

Care Leavers

Number EET Statuses



% of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation

90%

Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training 2015/16

Wolverhampton - 60%
 West Mids (14/15) - 41%
 Statistical Neighbours (14/15) - 46%
 England (14/15)- 48%

November 2016:
 56%

% of Care Leavers available to work

78% Available
 22% NALM

(41 Care Leavers are NALM (not available for the labour market) due to illness / disability, pregnancy or young mothers or being in custody)

The percentage of children and care leavers in education, employment or training (EET) has decreased in the year to date to 56% from 60% at year out turn.