

**CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL**



**Corporate Parenting  
Board**

**Performance Report**

**March 2018**

(data as at 31st January 2018)

## Key Points to Note

### Demographics

Demographic data has been updated with the 2016 mid-year population estimates. A considerably lower proportion of LAC are from BME backgrounds compared to the Wolverhampton CYP population. 2017 comparator data has been updated for the number of Looked After Children (LAC). The number of LAC has increased over the past 6 months and now is higher than at any point in the previous year and a half. The rate of LAC starts is not increasing however the rate of LAC ends has slowed down. A 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 has increased over the past two months. An increase in Friends and Family placements has also been seen. The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home remains at 15%. The indicators that look at placement stability have remained strong in the month against a backdrop of static LAC numbers and increased adoptions. 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

Performance in timeliness of assessments of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton has decreased to 71% . Reviews completed on time in the year have increased 94% compared to 82% in 2016-17 year out turn. The percentage of children that participated in their reviews has increased after lower rates of performance in early 2017/18 and stands at 95%.

### Education

The 2016 KS2 and KS4 results show that Wolverhampton LAC performed better than LAC nationally, regionally and within statistical neighbours, however, there remains a significant gap between the performance of LAC and all Wolverhampton children.

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.

Attendance data has been updated for 2016 - attendance of Wolverhampton LAC at school is better than that of comparators. please note there was an error in previous reports where persistent absence was under-reported

**Health**

The percentage of children with up to date dental checks decreased in the month to 85% and is now lower than year out-turn 2016/17. The result however 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 has remained at 88% compared to 91% at year out-turn 2016/17. Most children who do not have up to date health checks are placed outside of the city.

**Leaving Care****Adoption**

Adoption timeliness in the year 2017-18 showed signs of improvement earlier in the year however the adoption of some longer term LAC over the past quarter sees A1 timescales for the year higher than the 2016/17 and national. There have been 29 adoptions in 2017/18 with 64% within A1 indicator timescales.

**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 January 2018 61% of 17-21-year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. NALM (not available for the labour market). 81% of care leavers are available for work with 19% (41 young people) not available due to pregnancy or young motherhood, illness or disability or because they are in custody.

The proportion of care leavers currently deemed to be in suitable accommodation is also included and shows that 88% of the cohort are currently in suitable accommodation.

Demographics



59038 children aged 0-17 live in Wolverhampton  
23.0% of the total population

ONS 2016 mid-year estimate

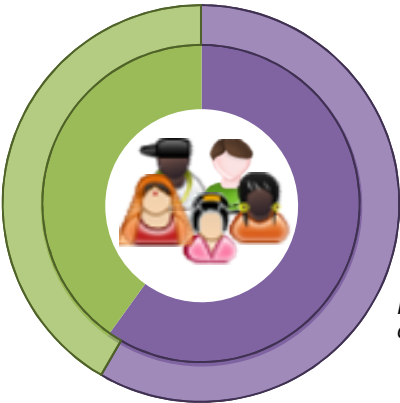


48.8% of the CYP population and 43.1% of LAC are female



51.2% of the CYP population and 56.9% of LAC are male

41.6% of the CYP population and 40.1% of LAC are BME

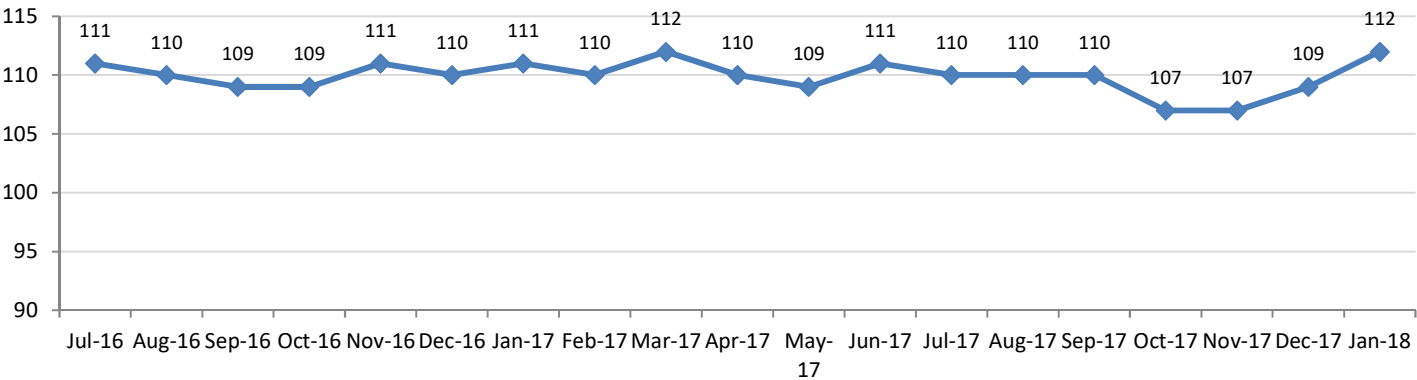
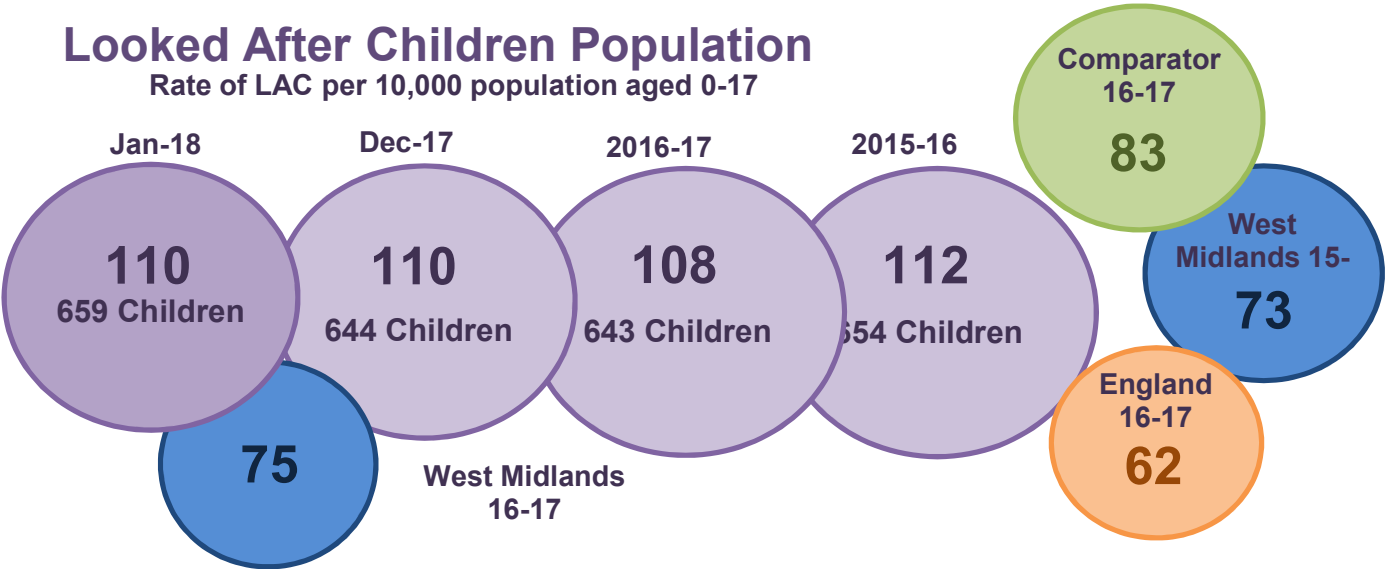


58.4% of the CYP population and 59.9% of LAC are white

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**

**Jan-18**

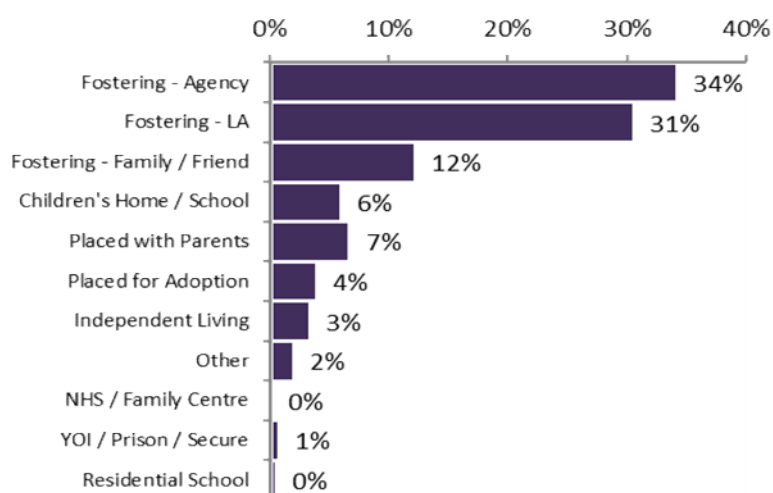
**15%**

2016-17 Out-turn = 14%

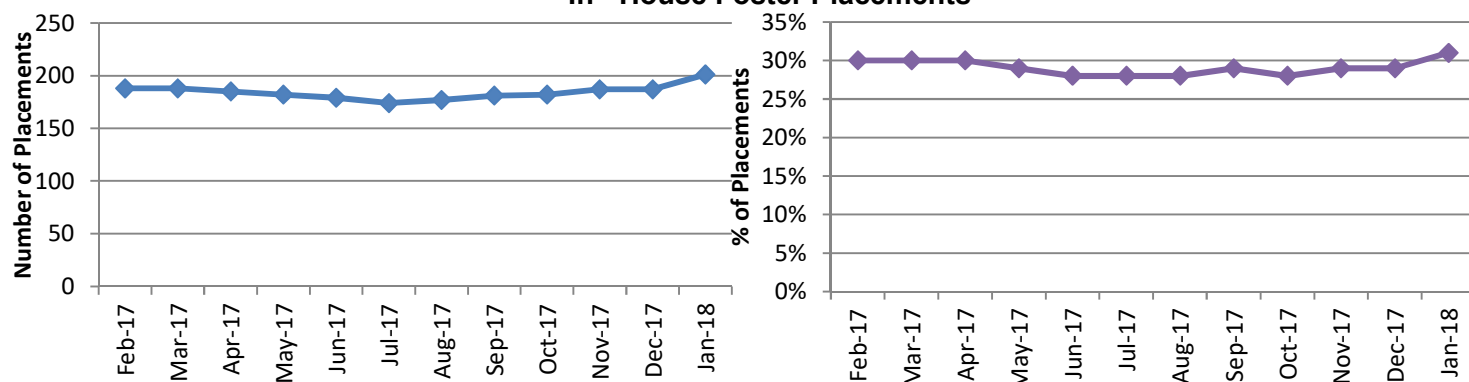
2015-16 Out-turn = 16%

2014-15 Out-turn = 16%

### LAC Placements



### In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers has increased in the past two months and is now at 31% The gap has narrowed between the proportion of internal and agency foster placements.

### Placement Stability



**LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12**

**Jan-18**

**84%**

Wolves 16-17 (Provis) = 86%

Wolverhampton 15-16 = 87%

West Midlands 15-16 = 90%

Comparator 15-16 = 90% England

15-16 = 90%

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

**Jan-18**

**68%**

Wolves 16-17 (Provis) = 67%

Wolverhampton 15-16 = 68%

West Midlands 15-16 = 69%

Comparator 15-16 = 69% England

15-16 = 68%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages although percentages of stable relationships has decreased in the current year

# Routes into Care and Ofsted Ratings



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

87%

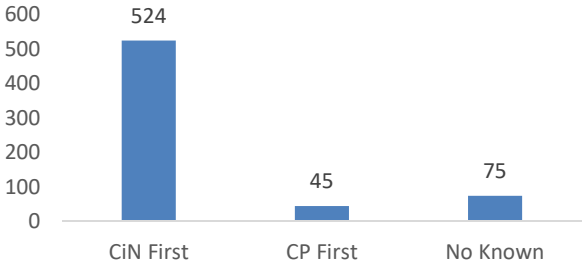
% of LAC who are Asylum Seekers

1.7%

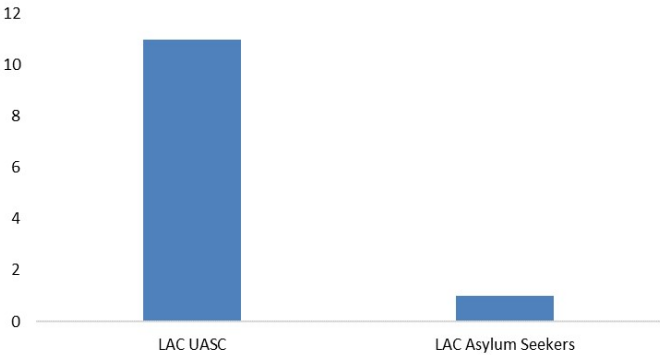
% of LAC in Good or Outstanding Children's Homes

80%

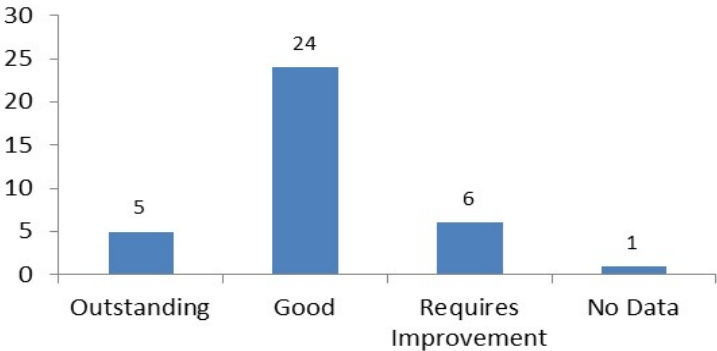
Knowledge of Child Pre LAC (30 Days)



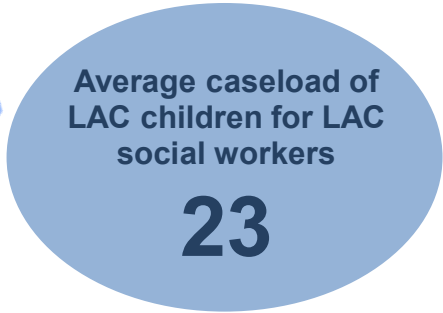
How many LAC are Asylum Seekers



Number of Children in Residential Care Homes by OFSTED Rating

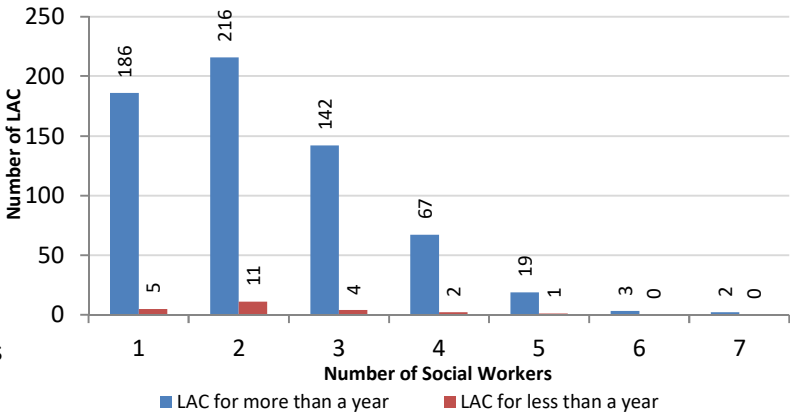


Assessments & Reviews



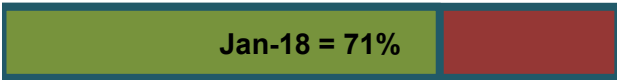
13 social workers hold over 20 cases. The fewest cases allocate to a worker is 1.

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



Looked After Children with up to date assessments

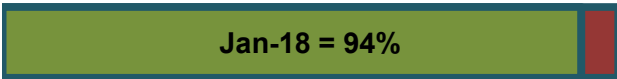
An up to date assessments is one that has been authorised within the last six months.



2016-17 Out-turn = 98%  
2015-16 Out-turn = 97%

Looked After Children whose reviews have been completed on time

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



2016-17 Out-turn = 82%  
2015-16 Out-turn = 90%

71% of LAC assessments are currently up to date, compared with 98% at the end of March 2017

Currently 94% of LAC reviews are up to date, this includes 50% of Adoption reviews and 97.50% of all LAC

The proportion of LAC reviews where the child was present or contributed by other means since 1 April 2017

95%

Jan-18

Performance in LAC participation in reviews since year end has increased to 93%

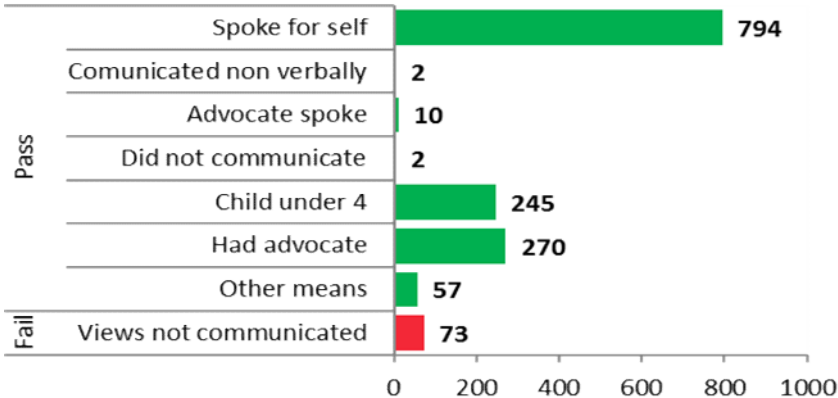
90%

2016-17 Out-turn

93%

2015-16 Out-turn

Context: Full Answers for Participation



Education





KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths	Key Stage 4	GCSE A* - C in Eng & Maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8
Wolverhampton LAC 2016	51%	60%	58%	37%		20.0%	24.1	-1.16
Wolverhampton 2016	70%	65%	75%	53%		58.8%	47.7	-0.13
West Midlands 2016	41%	38%	43%	23%		17.1%	23.4	-1.07
Statistical Neighbours 2016	40%	35%	43%	25%		18.0%	22.2	-1.17
England 2016	41%	41%	46%	25%		17.5%	22.8	-1.14

**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 2016 performed better than regional, statistical neighbour and national results. Performance in GCSEs is also better. However, there remains a significant gap between the performance of all children and LAC.

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)



**95%**  
2016-17 Out-turn

**90%**  
2015-16 Out-turn

**77%**  
PEPS (Years 1 -11) -  
Jan-18

**LAC Absence from School - 2016**  
(taken from nationally published data)

\* Children looked after for 12 months or more

**69%**  
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)  
- Jan-18

**Unauthorised Absence \***

**0.6%**

West Midlands - 0.8%  
Statistical Neighbours -1.1%  
England - 1.0%

**Overall Absence \***

**3.3%**

West Midlands - 3.8%  
Statistical Neighbours - 3.9%  
England - 3.9%

**LAC Persistent Absence**

**6.7%**

West Midlands - 8.2%  
Statistical Neighbours - 9.4%  
England - 9.1%

There has been an decrease in the number of PEP's in the month and both indicators still show a strong result. The new E-PEP system is due to go live from the start of November 2017.

\* Absence data has been updated - please note there was an error in previous reports where persistent absence was under-reported



LAC Health



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

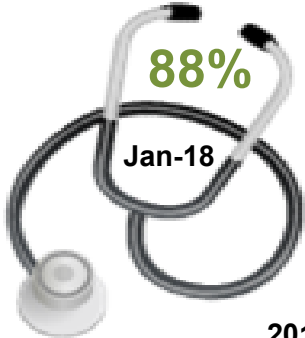
Dental Checks



2016-17 Out-turn = 81%

2015-16 Out-turn = 89%

Health Checks



2016-17 Out-turn = 91%

2015-16 Out-turn = 88%

There has again been a increase in  
performance since year out turn in dental  
checks and results in this area remain  
strong as a result of improved working  
with the CCG and RWT.

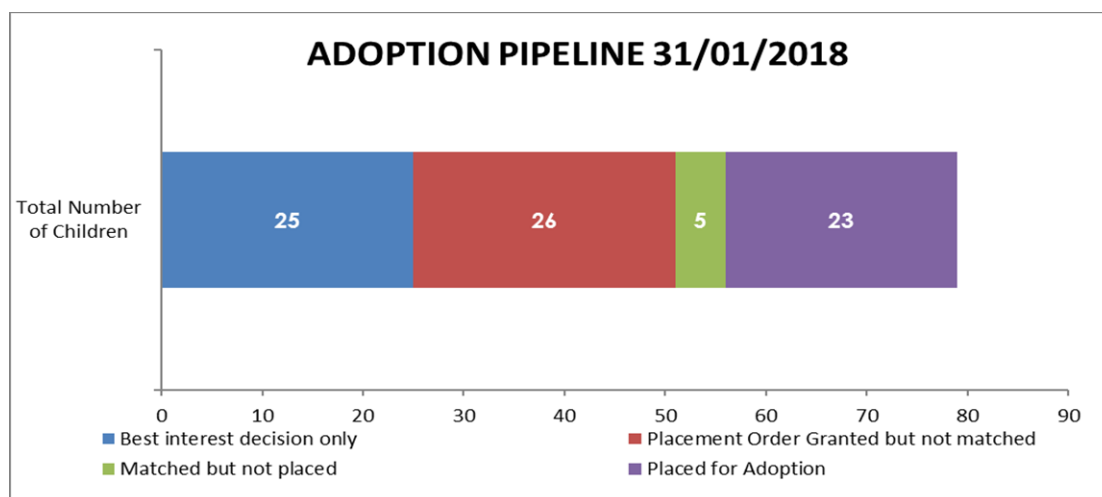
Performance of Health Checks remains  
strong however has seen decreased  
since year out-turn.

## Leaving Care



Children Adopted	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	January 2018
	51	61	47	29

### 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**

**615 Days**

3 Year avg 2015-2018

(672 days 2013-2016)

Target - 428 days

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

**241 Days**

3 year avg 2015-2018

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)**

**506 Days**

3 year avg 2015-2018

(508 days 2013-2016)

Target - 428 days

#### Single year performance 2016-17

**A1** - 651 days with 64% of children adopted within timescales

**A2** - 238 days

**A10** - 518 days

#### Single year performance (2017-18 as at 31 May)

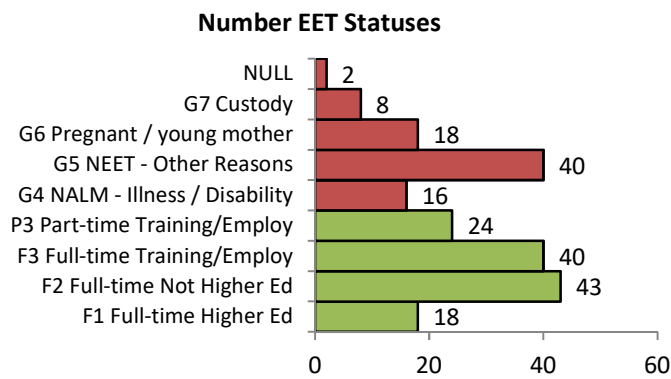
**A1** - 582 days with 59% of children adopted within timescales

**A2** - 297 days

**A10** - 483 days

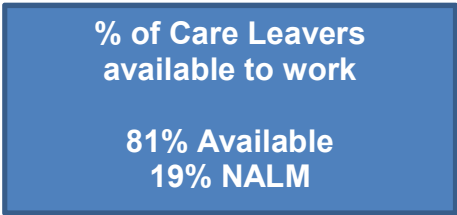
The adoption scorecards for 2013-16 were published in March 2017. Wolverhampton were once again rated 'double red' in the two key indicators, however, performance around adopting hard to place children including those over the age of 5 and from BME backgrounds continues to be better than performance nationally.

Care Leavers



Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training

**Current - 61%**  
**Wolverhampton (16/17) - 56%**  
**West Mids (16/17) - 46%**  
**Statistical Neighbours (16/17) - 47%**  
**England (16/17)- 50%**



*(34 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 increased slightly at 60% compared with year out turn 2015-16