

**CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL**



**Corporate Parenting  
Board**

**Performance Report**

**July 2018**

(data as at May 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 comparators.

### Placements

Trends for 'In-house' Foster Carers shows that the percentage of children placed with in-house foster carers has increased although progressed has slowed over the past two months with an increase in agency placements. To help create additional places the recruitment team have seen their target for number of days to approve new foster carers cut to 6 months.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home has increased slightly to 16%. 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.

### Assessments and Reviews

Performance in timeliness of assessments of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton has increased to 81% however this is considerably lower than performance in 2016-17. Reviews completed on time in the year remain high at 92% 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. Performance so far in 2018/19 is very strong with a 99% pass rate.

### 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 increased in the month to 83% but is still considerably lower than year out-turn 2016/17. Despite this decrease, 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 increased to 92% and is still favourable against year out-turn 2016/17. Performance in initial checks is lower than those being reviewed however the appointment of a new LAC nurse is expected to help ensure initial checks increase.

**PEPs**

Performance for PEPs continues to increase after changes in electronic systems caused a reduction in performance earlier in the year. Work continues to identify those children in nursery provision for Early Years PEPs.

**Leaving Care****Adoption**

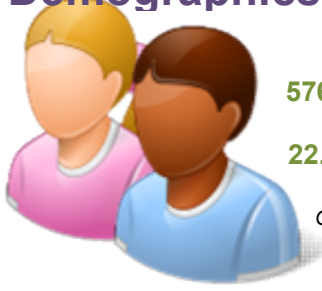
Adoption timeliness improved in the 2017/18 against all three major adoptions indicators. Despite this improvement the average time taken to match and place children for adoption in Wolverhampton is still higher than national targets. In 2018/19 75% of adoptions have been within timescales with low averages for A2 and A10 indicators recorded. This is promising performance especially when considering that Wolverhampton also compares favourably to comparators in regard to the adoption of hard to place children.

**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 May 2018 60% of 17-21-year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. NALM (not available for the labour market). 85% of care leavers are available for work with 15% (33 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



**57658 children aged 0-17 live in Wolverhampton**  
**22.8% of the total population**

ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

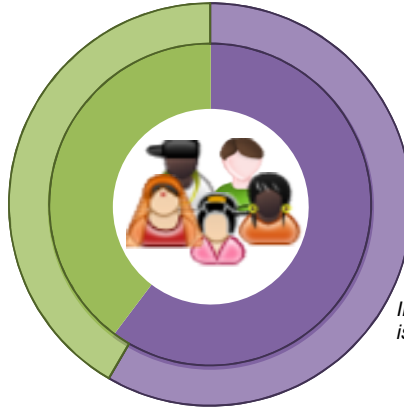
**48.8% of the CYP population and 44.4% of LAC are female**



**51.2% of the CYP population and 55.6% of LAC are male**



**41.6% of the CYP population and 38.9% of LAC are BME**

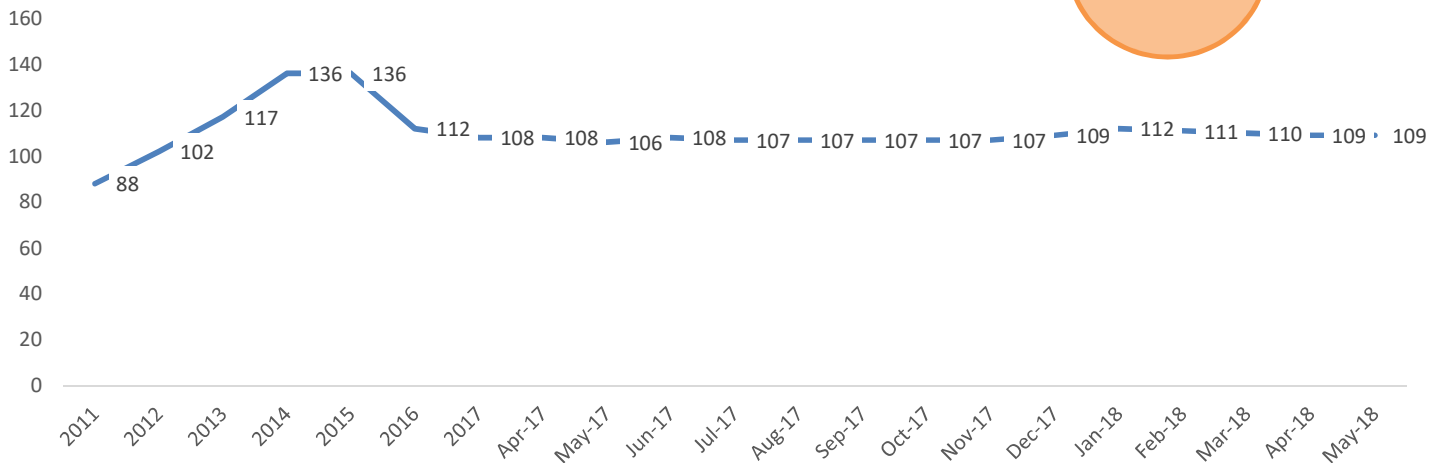
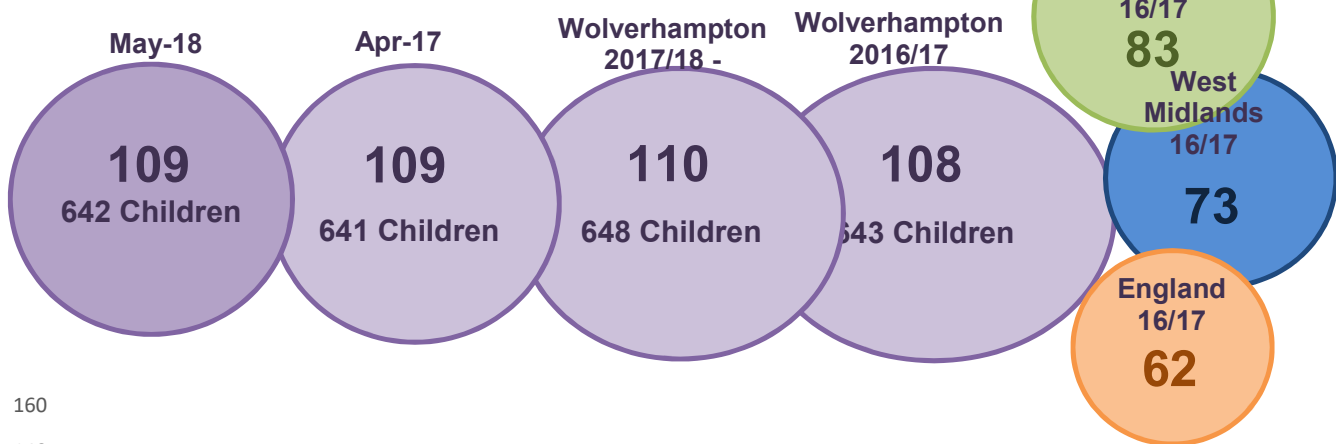


**58.4% of the CYP population and 59.2% of LAC are white**

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



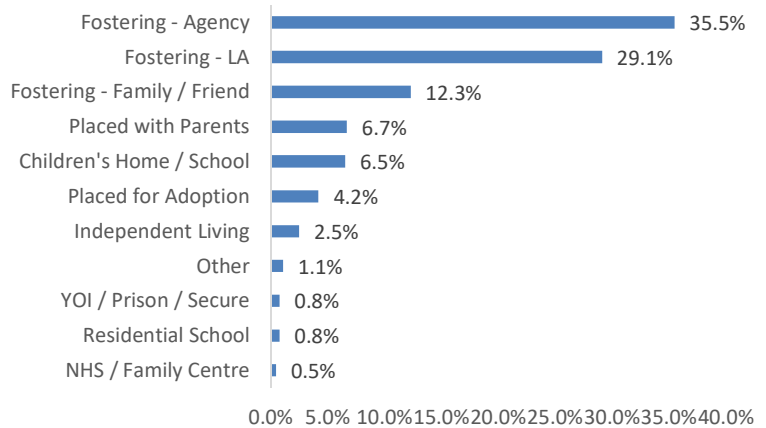
% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

May-18

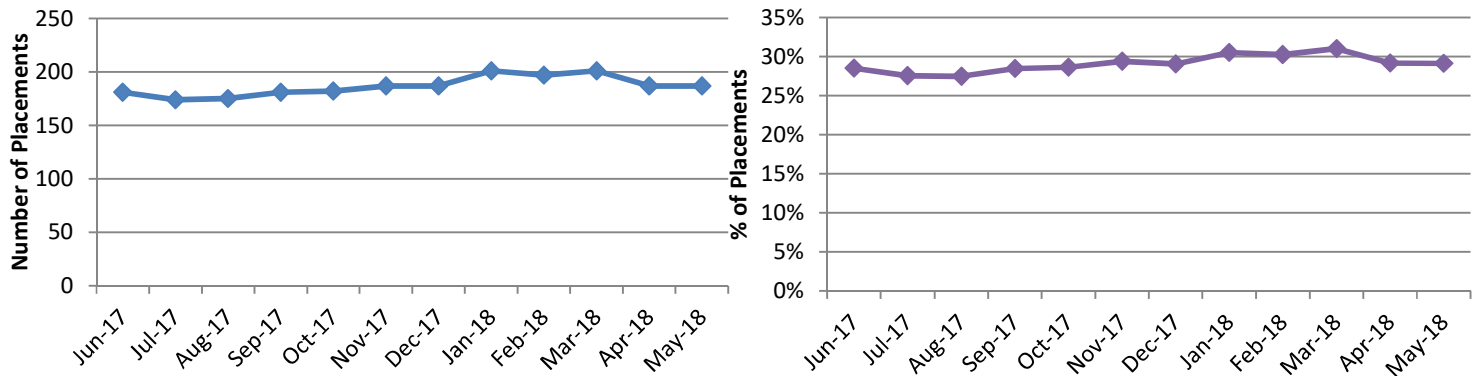
**16%**

2016/17 Out-turn = 14% 2015/16  
Out-turn = 16% 2014/15 Out-turn  
= 16% 2013/14 Out-turn = 13%

## LAC by Placement Type



## In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers is increasing due to decreases in other placements. The number of in-house foster care placements has decreased slightly to 183 in the month.

## Placement Stability



LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months

May-18

**87%**

2016/17 Wolverhampton = 87%  
2016/17 West Midlands = 89%  
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 90%  
2016/17 England = 90%

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

May-18

**69%**

2016/17 Wolverhampton = 71%  
2016/17 West Midlands = 71%  
2016/17 Stat Neighbours = 71%  
2016/17 England = 70%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages and that performance in this area continues to improve.

## Assessments & Reviews



Average caseload of  
LAC children for LAC  
social workers

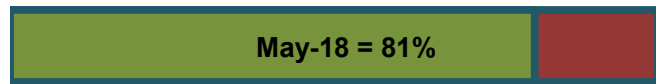
**20**

46% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 24% 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.*

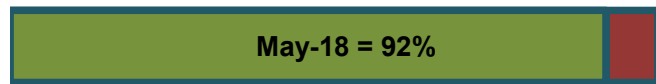


2017/18 Out-turn = 80%

2016/17 Out-turn = 98%

### 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*



2017/18 Out-turn = 92%

2016/17 Out-turn = 82%

97% of LAC had assessments completed on time between 1st April 2015 - 31st March 2016.

Since 1st April 2015, 1501 reviews were completed in the year with only 69 not completed within timescales.

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

**99%**

May-18

There has been a decline in LAC participation in reviews since year out turn 14/15. This is being looked into in order to understand the reason for the drop in performance

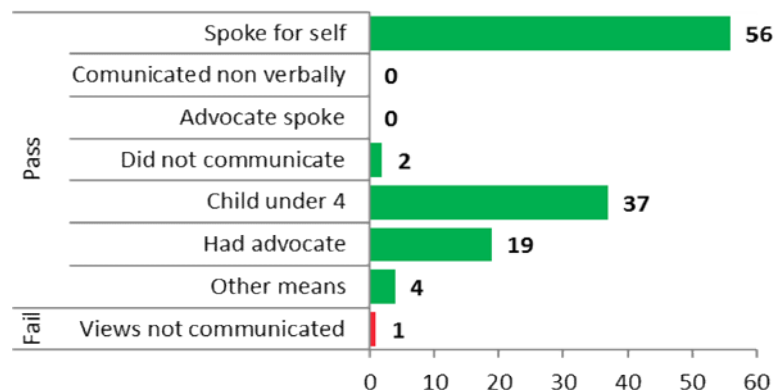
**95%**

2017/18 Out-turn

**90%**

2016/17 Out-turn

### Answers for Participation



## Education



KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Wolverhampton LAC 2016	51%	60%	58%	37%
Wolverhampton 2016	70%	65%	75%	53%
West Midlands 2016	41%	38%	43%	23%
Stat Neighbours 2016	40%	35%	43%	25%
England 2016	41%	41%	46%	25%
KS4	GCSE A* - C in Eng & Maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8	
Wolverhampton LAC 2016	20%	24%	-1%	
Wolverhampton 2016	59%	48%	0%	
West Midlands 2016	17%	23%	1%	
Stat Neighbours 2016	18%	22%	1%	
England 2016	18%	23%	1%	

**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 are some discrepancies when nationally published data is compared with

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



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

**80%**  
2017/18 Out-turn

**83%**  
PEPS (Years 1 -11) -  
May-18

\* Children looked after for 12 months or more

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

**78%**  
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)  
- May-18

Unauthorised Absence \*

**0.6%**

West Midlands - 0.8%  
Statistical Neighbours - 1.1%  
England - 1.00%

Overall Absence \*

**3.3%**

West Midlands - 3.80%  
Statistical Neighbours - 3.9%  
England - 3.90%

LAC Persistent Absence

**6.7%**

West Midlands - 8.20%  
Statistical Neighbours - 9.4%  
England - 9.1%

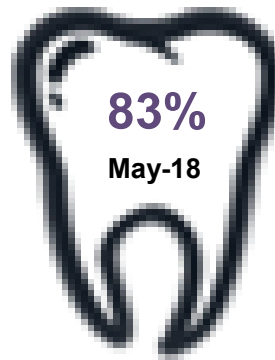
There has been an increase in the number of PEP's in the month and both indicators show a strong result. This is the highest performance since the new E-PEP system went live at the start of November

## LAC Health



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

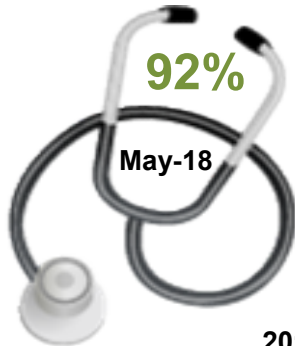
### Dental Checks



2017/18 Out-turn = 84%

2016/17 Out-turn = 82%

### Health Checks



2017/18 Out-turn = 84%

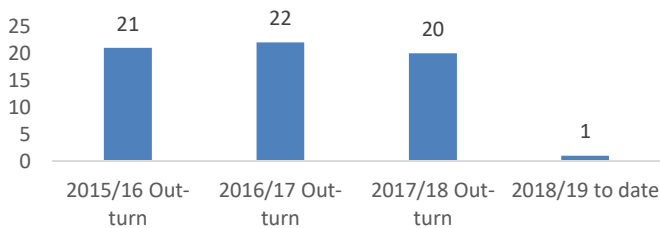
2016/17 Out-turn = 84%

There been a slight decrease in  
performance over the year in dental  
checks and results in this area remain  
strong as a result of improved working  
with the CCG and RWT.

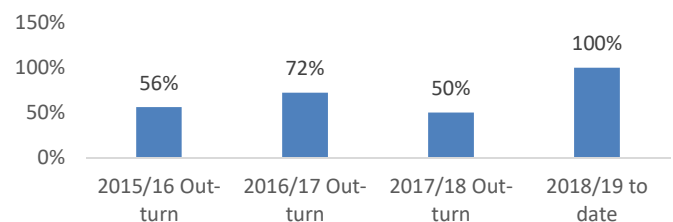
Performance of Health Checks has  
increased with initial checks particularly  
low in the year

## Foster Recruitment

### Number of Foster Carers Approved in the Year

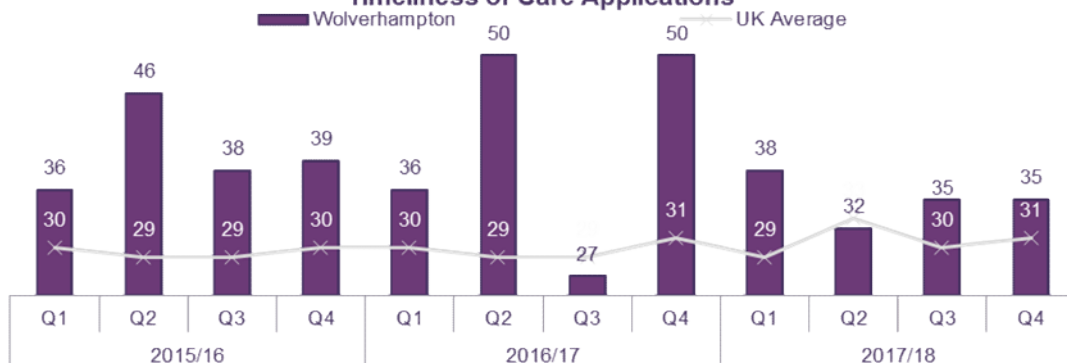


### Percentage of Foster Carers Approved in timescale



The number of new foster carers approved in 2017/18 decreased slightly as did the percentage approved within time scale. The target time to approve foster carers decreased in April 2018 to 6 months.

### Timeliness of Care Applications





## Leaving Care



Children Adopted

2015/16

61

2016/17

47

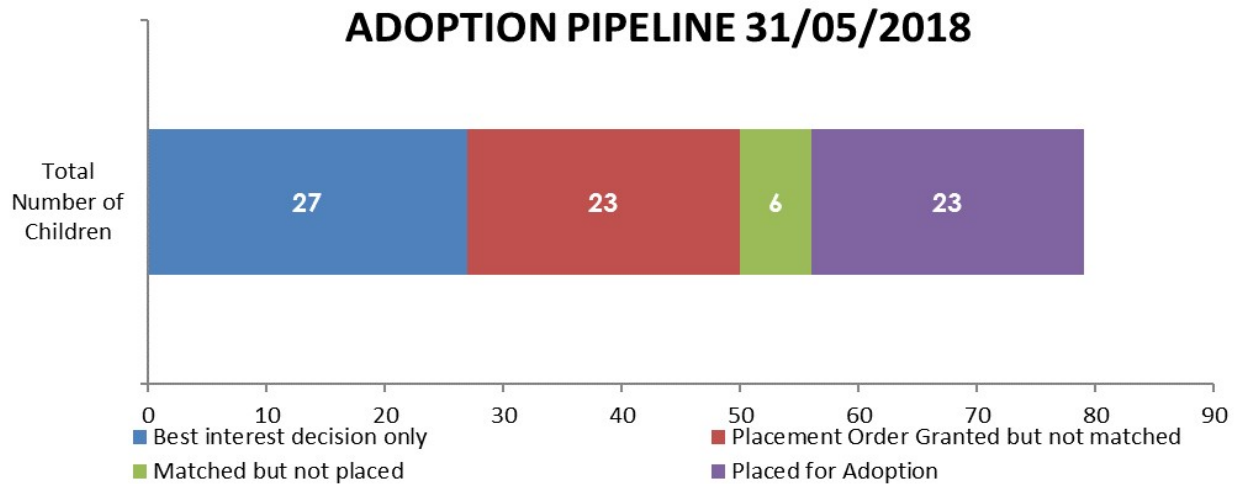
2017/18

40

2018/19

4

### Adoptions



### Current Adoption Scorecard (2016 - 2019)

*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**

**566 Days**

3 Year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

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

**221 Days**

3 year avg 2016-2019

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)**

**473 Days**

3 year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

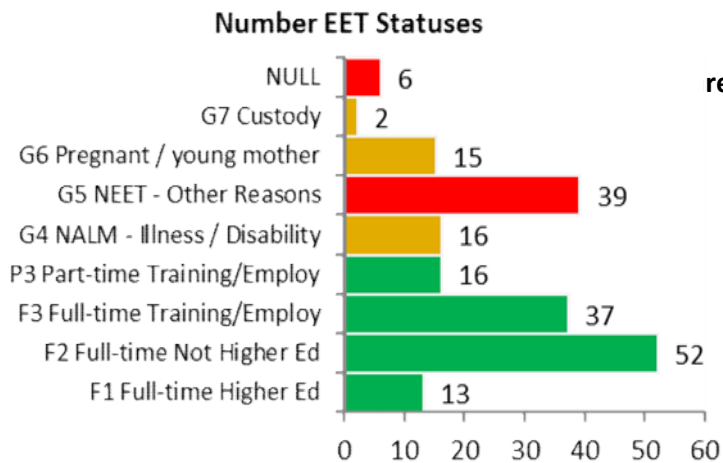
### Single year performance (2018/19 to date)

**A1** - 508 days with 75% of children adopted within timescales

**A2** - 90 days

**A10** - 292 days

The adoption scorecards for 2016/17 were published just before Christmas 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. Detailed analysis of the results has been undertaken and is available. Initial indicators for 2017/18 show a similar pattern to 2016/17 however an encouraging start has been made in 2018/19 with 75% of adoptions within timescale.

**Care Leavers****Percentage of Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training**

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

**May 2018:**  
**60%**

**% Care Leavers in Suitable  
Accommodation**

**85%**

**% Care Leavers in Available  
to work**

**85%**