



**Corporate Parenting
Board**

Performance Report

September 2015

(data as at August 2015)

Key Points to Note

Redesign and further development

This report for the Corporate Parenting Board continues to be developed. Provisional 2014/15 out-turn figures have been amended where updated information is available. Please note that these have not yet been validated by the statutory returns to the Department for Education and as such may be subject to change. Average caseload data for LAC teams has been added along with the number of social workers current LAC have had in the past 12 months. Demographic data has also been updated.

Demographics

This section has been updated with the ONS 2014 mid-year population estimates and LAC gender and ethnicity for 2014/15. However, there are only slight changes to results.

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

The number of Looked After Children has seen a large decrease in August - largely due to the revocation of care orders for children who are placed with parents. However, numbers are still considerably higher than comparators.

Placements

In-house Foster Carers trend data shows that numbers of children placed with in-house foster carers remains relatively stable, however due to the decrease in overall LAC numbers, the percentage is increasing.

There has been another increase in the proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home, which means that we are now higher than our comparators 2013/14 out-turn.

The indicators that look at placement stability continue to show positive results and demonstrate that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton generally benefit from stable placements.

Assessments and Reviews

The average number of cases held by social workers in the LAC teams has been added into the report. These are the teams that generally deal with children who have been LAC for 15 months plus and averages at around 20 cases per worker. More detailed work is currently being undertaken around caseloads.

The number of social workers that LAC have had in the past 12 months has also been added and shows that almost 50% of children who have been looked after for more than 12 months have had 3 or more social workers in the past year.

Assessments and Reviews of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton remain generally up to date however the percentage of children that participated in their reviews has fallen significantly from 98% at the end of 2014/15 to 92% at the end of August. The reasons for this are being investigated.

Education

The 2014 KS2 results show that Wolverhampton LAC are performing better in 2014 than in 2013. Performance is also considerably better than for LAC in statistical neighbouring authorities, the West Midlands and England overall across Maths, Reading and Writing.

There is just a 9% gap between the performance of LAC at KS2 and the wider Wolverhampton population. This is incredibly positive.

GCSE performance is less positive compared with last years out-turn - however, it should be noted that there has been a change in how this statistic is calculated at a national level this year which has impacted negatively on results in general. There is also some discrepancy between nationally published figures and locally held results. **Please note** - small numbers can also adversely affect this indicator.

Health

The percentage of children with up to date dental checks fell from 90% at the end of 2013/14 to 81% provisionally at the end of 14/15. However, performance in 2015 continues to improve and is at 86% at the end of August. This result is still higher than the 65.2% of children in the general Wolverhampton population that have seen a dentist in the past 2 years.

The percentage of health checks that are up to date continues to improve and has increased to 89% at the end of May compared with a provisional year end out-turn of 82%. This is due to ongoing work in this area and improved working with RWT and the CCG.

Leaving Care

Adoption - Performance against adoption timescales continues to improve however, overall performance remains below national expectations. The 'Adoption Scorecard' was published in mid-December and detailed analysis has been undertaken. Wolverhampton remains 'double red' in the two key indicators which focus on the timeliness of adoption, however, continue to perform better than national averages when it comes to adopting 'hard to place' children such as those over the age of 5 and those from BME backgrounds.

The adoption pipeline shows that there are currently 91 children with a plan of adoption, 71 of which have placement orders or are currently placed for adoption. Of the 58 that are placed for adoption, a number have been in their placements for some time which is inflating the average number of days. The placements and plans for some of these children are currently being reviewed and not all of the children will be adopted.

52 children were adopted in 14/15 and 17 have been adopted so far in 15/16. This is extremely positive.

Care Leavers - The percentage of Care Leavers in Employment Education and Training was worse than statistical neighbours, West Midlands and England averages in 2013/14, although improvements have been made in 2014 and performance is now considerably better than at year end and higher than comparators.

Work is being undertaken on reporting of Care Leavers information and this section of the report will be developed further in the coming months.

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 44.9% of LAC are

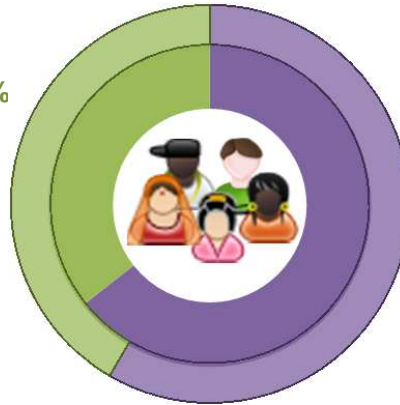


51.2% of the CYP population and 55.1% of LAC are male

LAC as at 31/03/2015



41.6% of the CYP population and 35.6% of LAC are BME



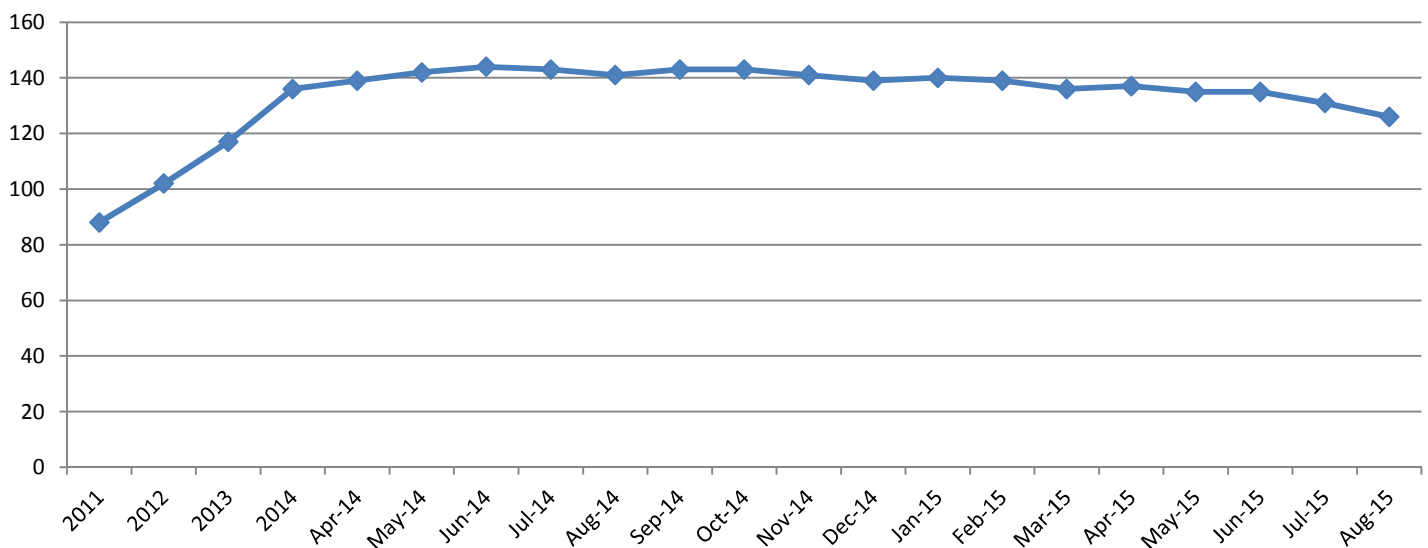
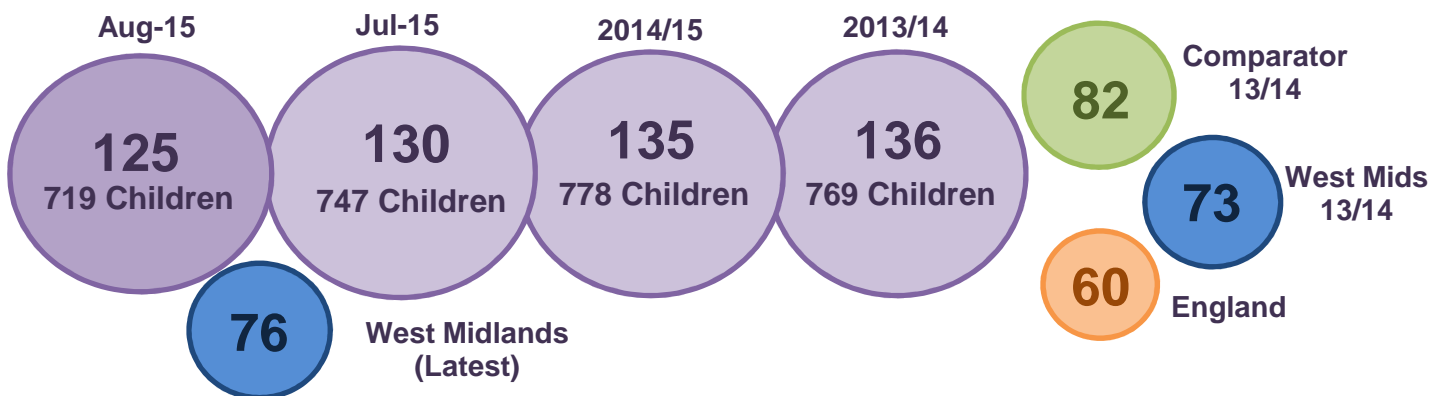
58.4% of the CYP population and 64.4% of LAC are white

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

LAC as at 31/03/2015

Looked After Children Population

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



Placements

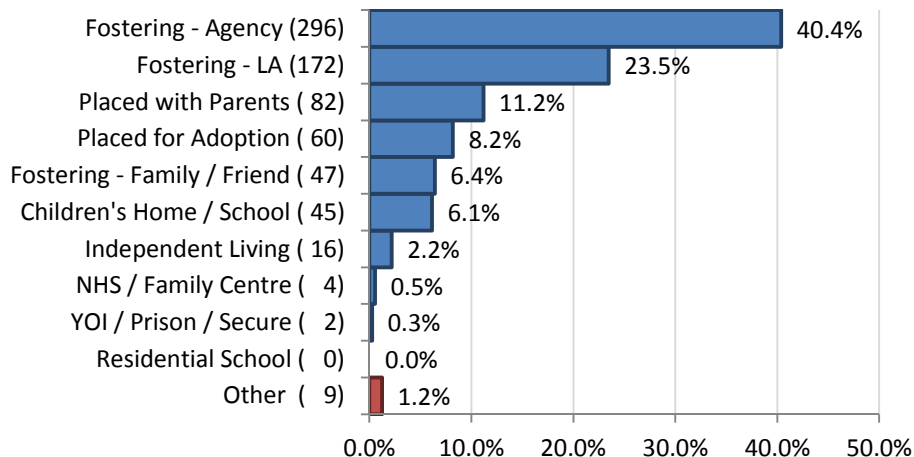


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

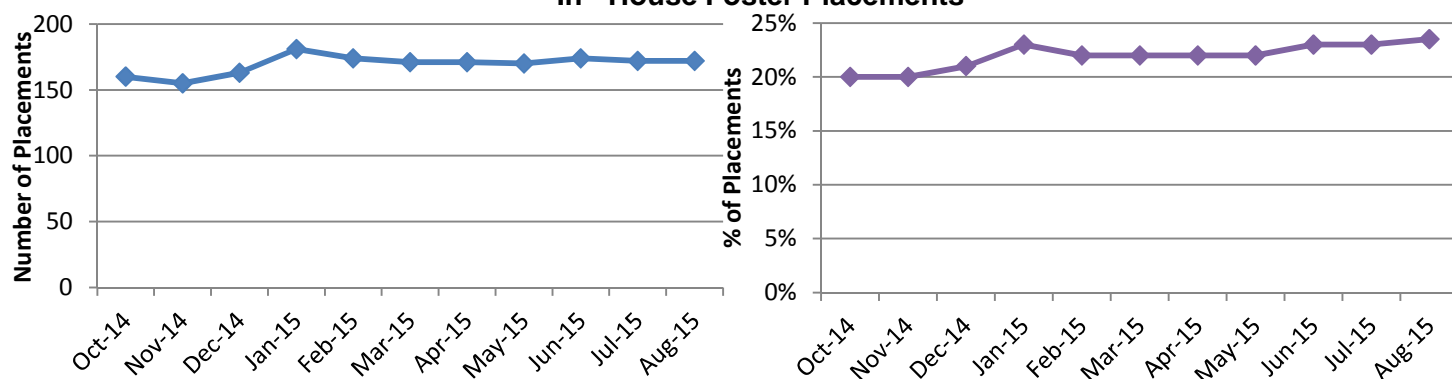
Aug-15
17%

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

LAC Placements at 31/08/15



In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers is increasing demonstrating that the drive to recruit internal foster carers is beginning to yield results

Placement Stability



LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months

Aug-15
86%

2014/15 (Provisional) = 88%
2013/14 Out-turn = 88%
2013/14 Comparator = 89%
2013/14 England = 89%

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

Aug-15
71%

2014/15 (Provisional) = 67%
2013/14 Out-turn = 67%
2013/14 Comparator = 67%
2013/14 England = 67%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages.

Assessments & Reviews

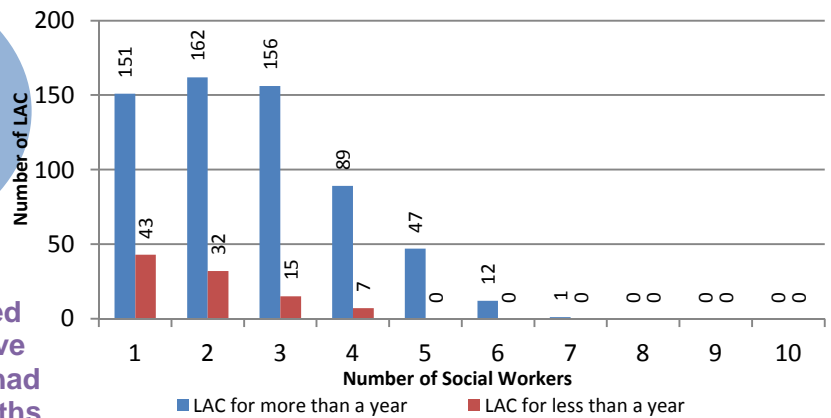


Average caseload of
LAC social workers

20

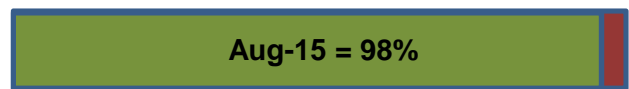
49% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 23% who have been looked after for less than a year have had 3 or more social workers in the past 12 months

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



Looked After Children with up to date assessments

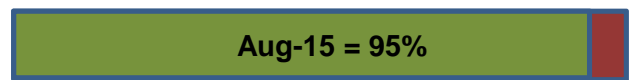
An up to date assessments is one that has been authorised within the last 6 months.



2014/05 Out-turn (Provisional) = 96%
2013/14 Out-turn = 95%

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



2014/05 Out-turn (Provisional) = 91%
2013/14 Out-turn = 92%

91% of LAC had all of their reviews completed on time between 01st April 2014 - 31st March 2015. 1760 reviews were completed in the year and of these 96% were completed within timescales.

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

92%

Aug-15

There has been some decline in LAC participation in reviews. This is being looked into in order to understand the reason for the drop in performance

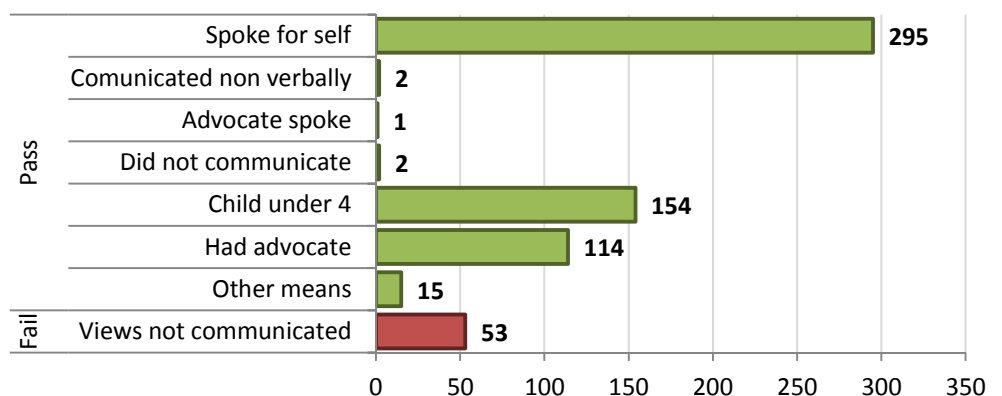
98%

2014/15 Out-turn
(Provisional)

93%

2013/14
Out-turn

Participation in Reviews



Education



KS2 Level 4	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths	GCSEs	5+ GCSE A* - C inc Eng & Maths
Wolverhampton LAC 2014	74%	78%	81%	70%		16.00%
Wolverhampton	86%	88%	84%	79%		45.90%
Wolves LAC 2013	67%	44%	50%	39%		25.80%
West Midlands 2014	60%	69%	61%	50%		13.70%
Statistical Neighbours 2014	60%	68%	54%	45%		17.65%
England 2014	61%	68%	59%	48%		12.00%

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 2014 performed better than in 2013 and better than LAC in the West Midlands, statistical comparator authorities and England overall. However, performance in GCSE's was worse across the board.

Detailed analysis of LAC educational performance was presented to the Panel via the Virtual School Head teacher report 2014. Please note that there is some discrepancies when nationally published data is compared with locally held data - it is the local data that is presented here.

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



91%

2013/14 Out-turn

89%

2014/15 Out-turn
(Provisional)

88%

PEPS (Years 1 -11)
- Aug-15

65%

PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- Aug-15

LAC Absence from School - 2014
(taken from nationally published data)

* Children looked after for 12 months or more

Unauthorised Absence *

1.2%

West Midlands - 0.90%
Statistical Neighbours - 0.97%
England - 1.00%

Overall Absence *

4.0%

West Midlands - 3.70%
Statistical Neighbours - 3.69%

LAC Persistent Absence

5.0%

West Midlands - 4.20%
Statistical Neighbours - 4.58%
England - 4.70%

Absence rates are improving, however, they remain slightly higher than comparators.

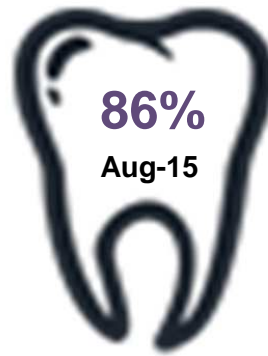
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT: Work is continuing to develop a detailed, local, virtual schools report. As that work progresses, further information will be reported here.

LAC Health



65.2% of children in the
Wolverhampton Local Authority
Area have seen a dentist in the last
two years

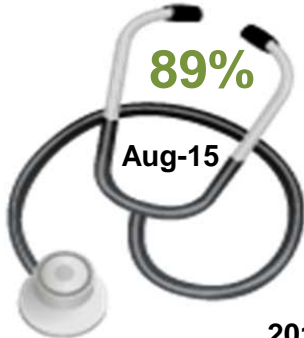
Dental Checks



2014/15 Out-turn
(Provisional) = 81%

2013/14 Out-turn = 90%

Health Checks



2014/15 Out-turn
(Provisional) = 82%

2013/14 Out-turn = 86%

Performance in this area is increasing as
a result of improved working with the
CCG and RWT

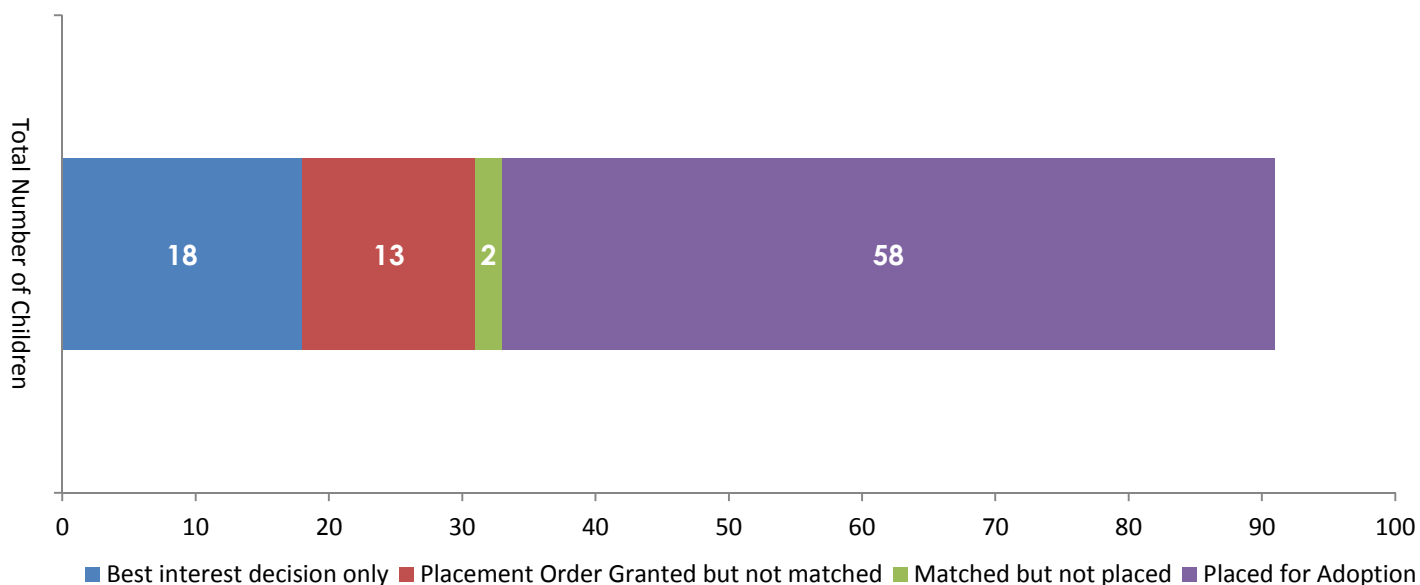
Leaving Care



Children Adopted	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 (Provisional)	2015/16 (So far)
	35	50	52	17

Adoptions

ADOPTION PIPELINE 01/09/2015



Adoption Scorecard Results (2011 - 2014)

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

872 Days

38% adopted in

Statistical Neighbours - 665 (46%)
England - 628 (51%)

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

294 Days

Statistical Neighbours - 242
England - 217

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

522 Days

Statistical Neighbours - 539
England - 525

Single year performance (2014/15 - provisional)

A1 - 619 days with 64% of children adopted within timescales
A2 - 196 days
A10 - 410 days

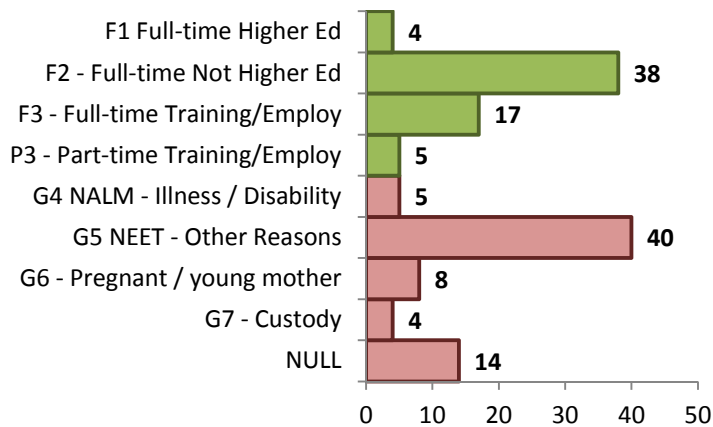
Single year performance (2015/16 - as at August)

A1 - 520 days with 71% of children adopted within timescales
A2 - 178 days
A10 - 398 days

The adoption scorecards for 2013/14 were published just before Christmas. 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

Care Leavers EET Statuses



Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training 2013/14

Wolverhampton - 31%
West Mids - 41%
Statistical Neighbours - 40%
England - 45%

Provisional 2014/15 - 43%

Further Development: Work is being undertaken to re-develop care leavers reporting locally to ensure that cohort data is accurately reflected. This section of the report will be developed further as that work progresses.