

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**



**Corporate Parenting
Board**

Performance Report

February 2016

(data as at January 2016)

Key Points to Note

Redesign and further development

This report for the Corporate Parenting Board continues to be developed. Some 2014/15 out-turn figures remain provisional as final data is yet to be released.

Demographics

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 continued decrease in October and November although considerable further reduction is required to bring Wolverhampton in line with our comparators.

Placements

In-house Foster Carers trend data shows that numbers of children placed with in-house foster carers has increased slightly, however due to the decrease in overall LAC numbers, the percentage is increasing at a faster rate.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home, has decreased slightly to 16% but remains in line with 2014/15 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 fallen slightly from 22 to 21.

The number of social workers that LAC have had shows that 40% of children who have been looked after for more than 12 months have had 3 or more social workers in the past year. This figure is a positive reduction from the November result of 44% with 3 or more social workers.

Assessments and Reviews of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton remain generally up to date. The percentage of children that participated in their reviews remains lower at 91% compared to a 2014/15 result of 98%. This figure has stabilised but remains lower than expected and is likely be due to more accurate recording.

Education

The 2015 KS2 results show that performance of Wolverhampton LAC has deteriorated compared with 2014 across reading, writing and maths. 2015 comparator data is not yet available

As performance at this level has improved in Wolverhampton in general, the gap between Wolverhampton LAC and Wolverhampton students is increasing.

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 86% at the end of January which remains an improvement on the 2014/15 out-turn figure of 81%. 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 has increased to 87% at the end of January, a significant improvement on the provisional year end out-turn of 82%. The majority of children who do not have up to date health checks are placed outside of the city.

Leaving Care

Adoption - Performance against adoption timescales continues to improve in some areas however, overall performance remains below national expectations. The publication of the updated 'Adoption Scorecard' is due imminently and will be fully analysed when available.

The adoption pipeline shows that there are currently 79 children with a plan of adoption, 57 of which have placement orders or are currently placed for adoption. The placements and plans for some of the 89 children are currently being reviewed and not all of the children will be adopted.

51 children were adopted in 14/15 and 30 have been adopted so far in 15/16. 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 January 48% of 19-21 years olds and 57% of 17-21 year olds were in Education, Employment or Training.

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

Demographics



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

ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

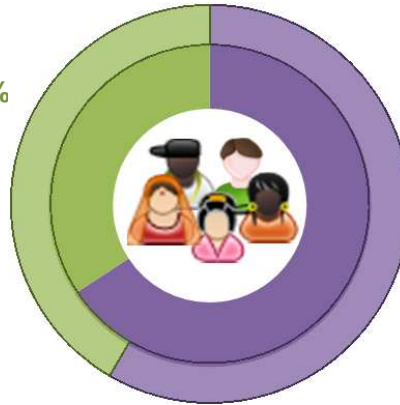
48.8% of the CYP population and 44.6% of LAC are



51.2% of the CYP population and 55.4% of LAC are male



41.6% of the CYP population and 34.2% of LAC are BME

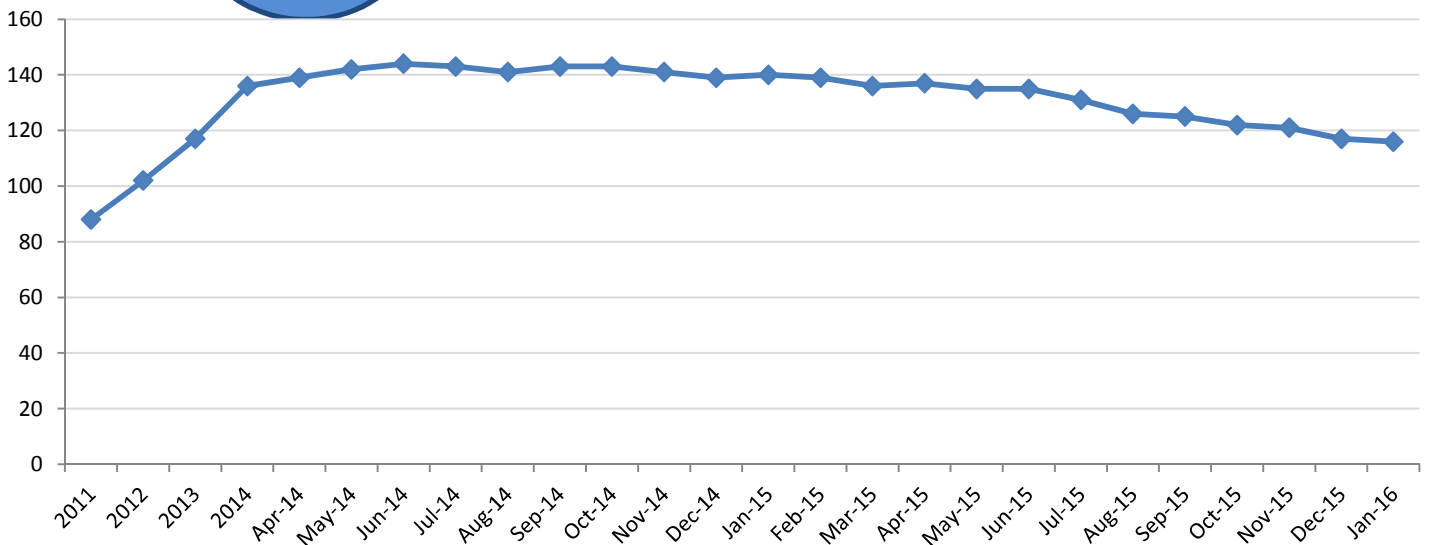
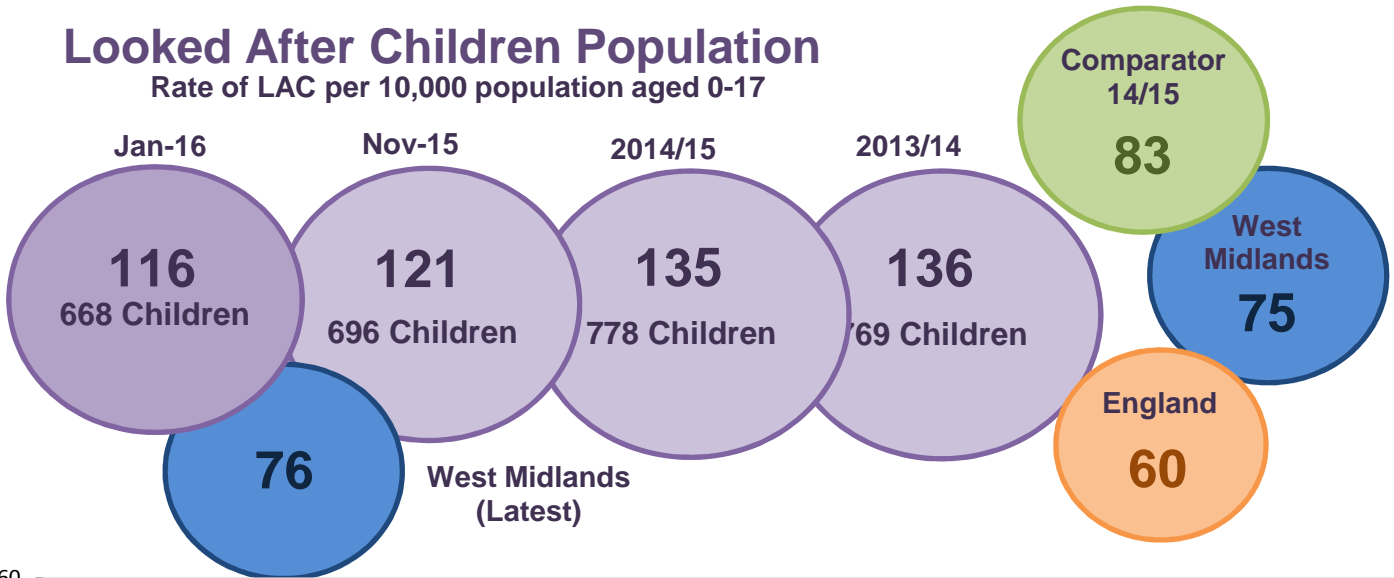


58.4% of the CYP population and 65.8% of LAC are white

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

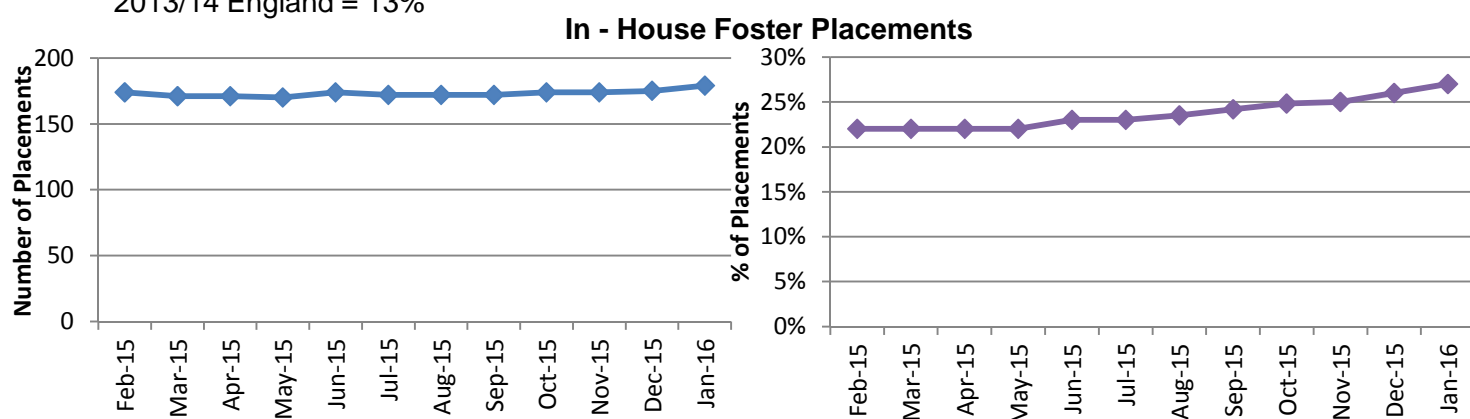
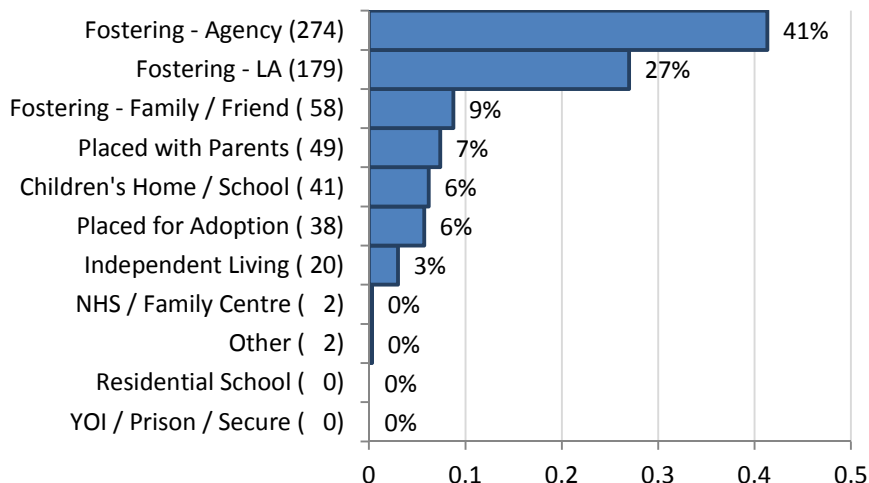


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

Jan-16
16%

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

LAC Placements 31 Jan 2016



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 increased slightly to 179.

Placement Stability



LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months

Jan-16
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)

Jan-15
68%

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

21

40% 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

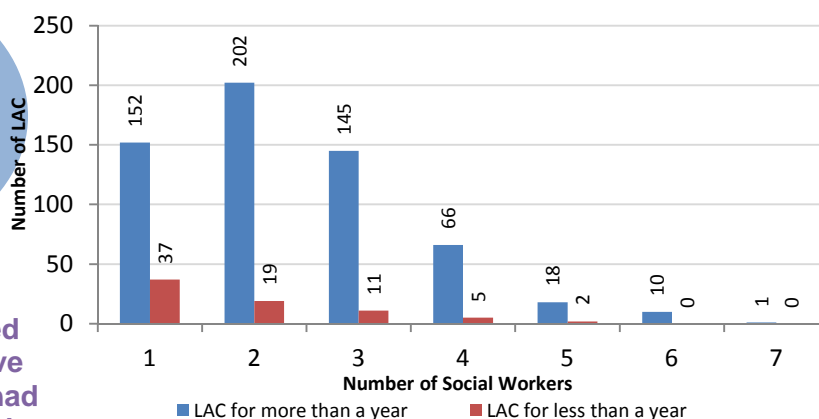
Looked After Children with up to date assessments

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

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



Jan-16 = 98%

2014/05 Out-turn = 96%

2013/14 Out-turn = 95%

Jan-16 = 90%

2014/15 Out-turn = 91%

2013/14 Out-turn = 92%

91% of LAC had all of their reviews completed on time between 1st 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

91%

Jan-16

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

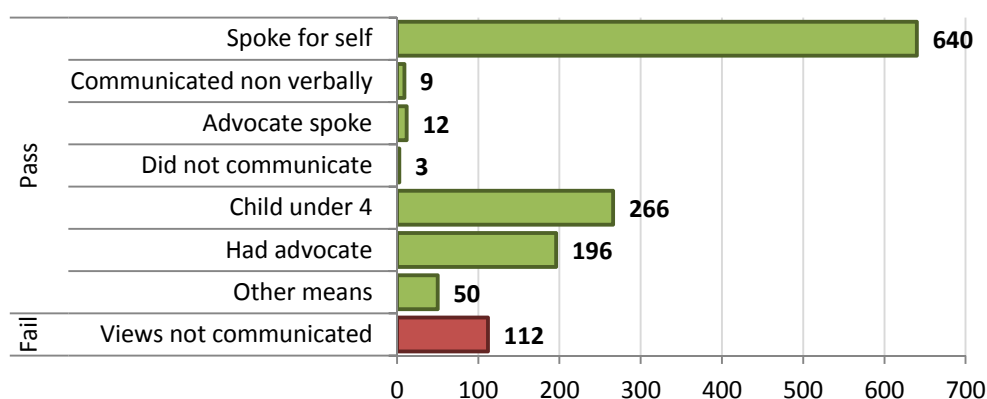
98%

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 2015	60%	65%	52%	N/A		20.0%
Wolverhampton 2015	87%	89%	86%	80%		51.6%
Wolves LAC 2014	72%	76%	78%	70%		17.0%
West Midlands 2014	60%	69%	61%	50%		13.7%
Statistical Neighbours 2014	60%	68%	54%	45%		17.7%
England 2014	61%	68%	59%	48%		12.0%

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 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

84%

PEPS (Years 1 -11)
- Jan-16

37%

PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- Jan-16

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



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

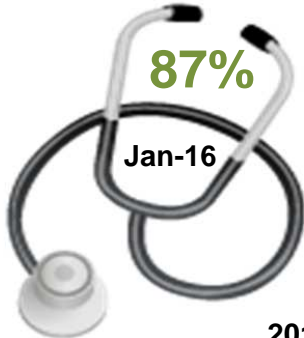
Dental Checks



2014/15 Out-turn = 81%

2013/14 Out-turn = 90%

Health Checks



2014/15 Out-turn = 82%

2013/14 Out-turn = 86%

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

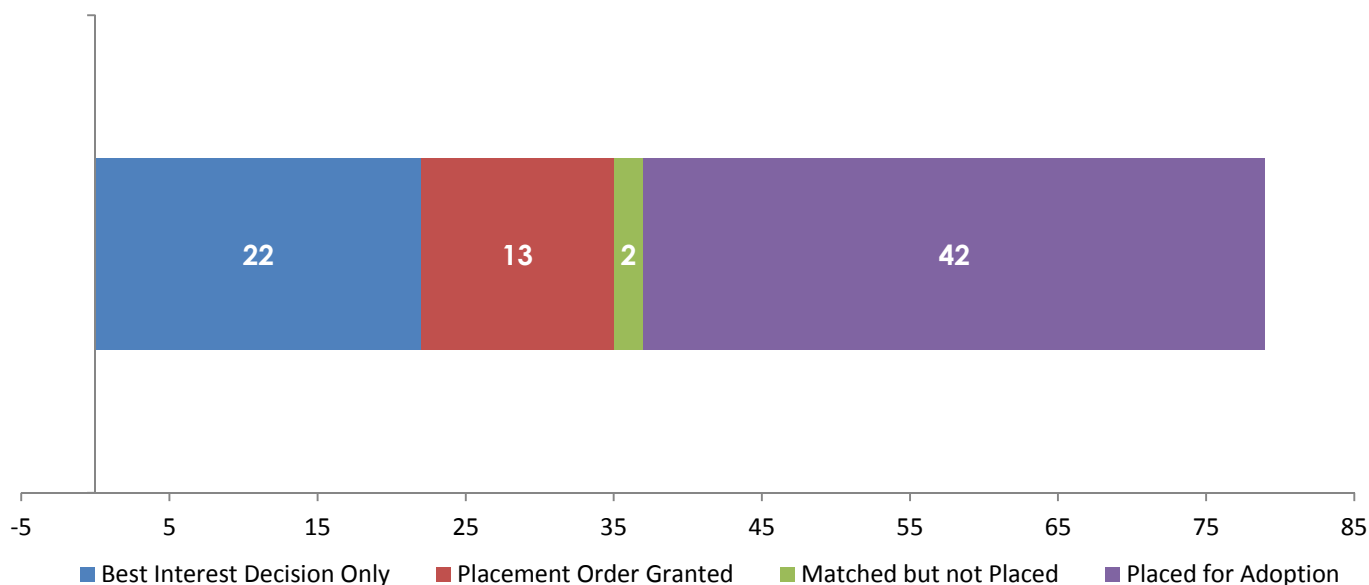
Leaving Care



Children Adopted	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15 (Provisional)	2015/16 (So far)
	35	50	51	46

Adoptions

Adoption Pipeline - 31/01/2016



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 January)

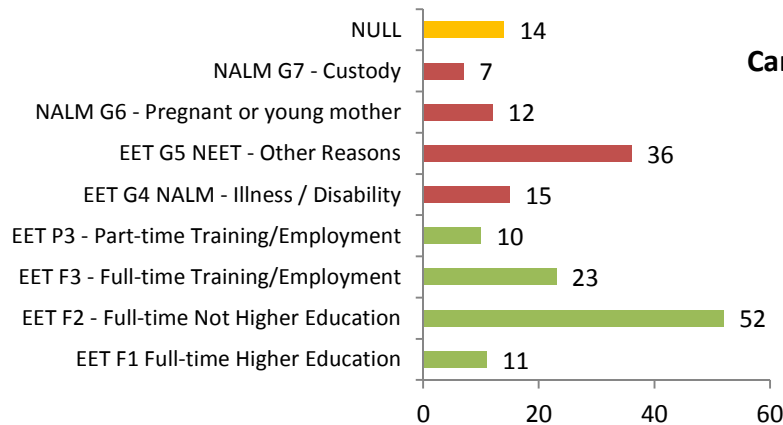
A1 - 563 days with 72% of children adopted within timescales

A2 - 226 days

A10 - 422 days

The adoption scorecards for 2013/14 were published just before Christmas 2014. 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. 2012-15 adoption scorecard publication is expected imminently

Care Leavers



Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training 2014/15

Wolverhampton - 42%
West Mids - 41%
Statistical Neighbours - 46%
England - 48%

January 2016:
19-21 - 48%

The percentage of children and care leavers in education, employment or training (EET) has improved significantly due to a change in the cohort which now measures 17-21 year olds (previously 19-21 year olds). The current result is an improvement to 57% of 17 to 21 year olds in education, employment or training. No comparator data is currently available based on the new cohort.

The previous cohort of 19 to 21 year olds has improved to 48% EET which is better than year out turn.

A large part of the improvement has been due to ongoing work by the leaving care team in identifying and recording EET status for all children and young adults in the cohort.

Further Development: Locally care leavers reporting is being re-developed. As part of the national changes reporting of care leavers now includes all children and young adults who have turned 17 to 21 in the reporting year. The chart above reflects the new cohort. This change, along with an increased focus by social workers and managers has resulted in an improved result.