

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**



**Corporate Parenting
Board**

Performance Report

April 2016

(data as at March 2016)

Key Points to Note

Redesign and further development

This report for the Corporate Parenting Board continues to be developed.

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 numbers of children placed with in-house foster carers continues to increase overall, although has fallen slightly in March, however due to the decrease in overall LAC numbers, the percentage is increasing.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home, has increased slightly to 17%.

The indicators that look at placement stability have fallen recently, this is likely to be due to 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.

Assessments and Reviews

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 92% compared to a 2014/15 result of 98%. This figure has increased slightly over recent months but remains lower than expected although this 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 89% at the end of March which continues the 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 remained at 88% at the end of March, 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 has declined in the month due to a high amount of historical LAC being adopted before year end. Despite results being behind national expectations the overall trend continues to improve in some areas.

The adoption pipeline shows that there are currently 74 children with a plan of adoption, 48 of which have placement orders or are currently placed for adoption. The placements and plans for some of the 74 children are currently being reviewed and not all of 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 March 56% 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

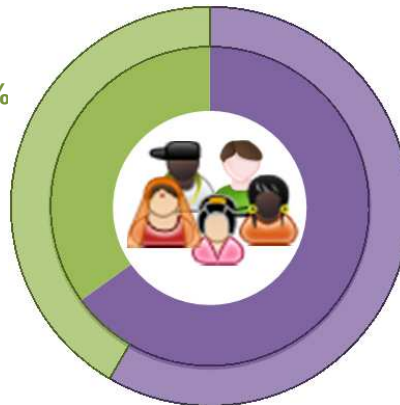
ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

48.8% of the CYP population and 42.6% of LAC are female



51.2% of the CYP population and 57.4% of LAC are male

41.6% of the CYP population and 34.8% of LAC are BME

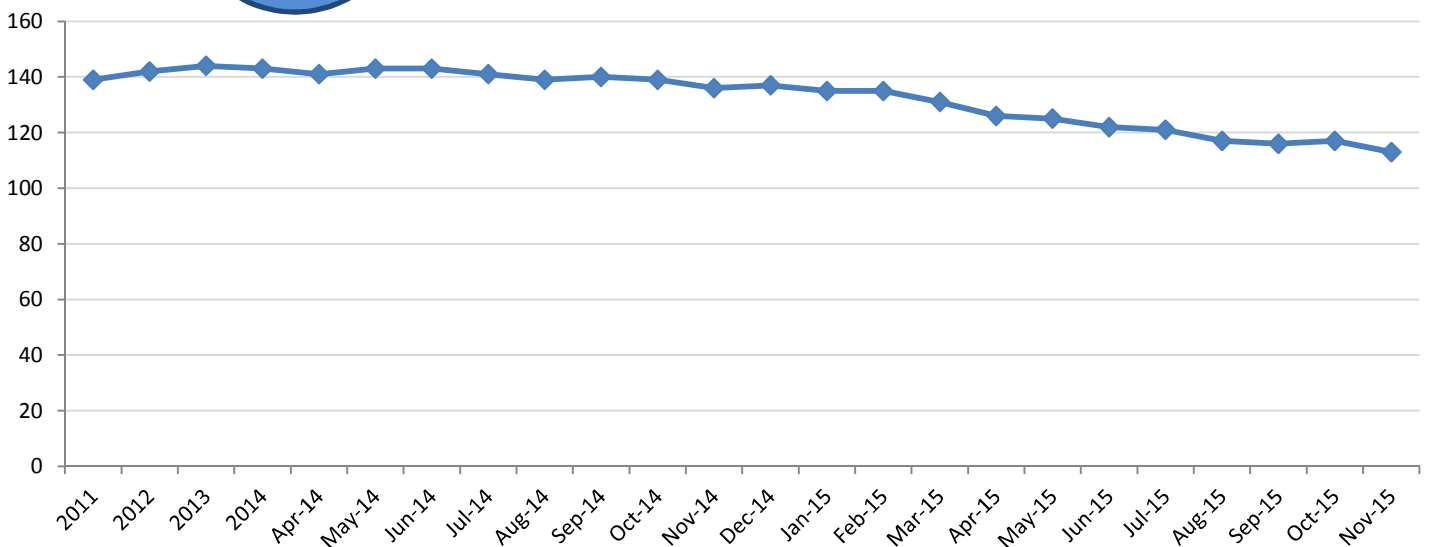
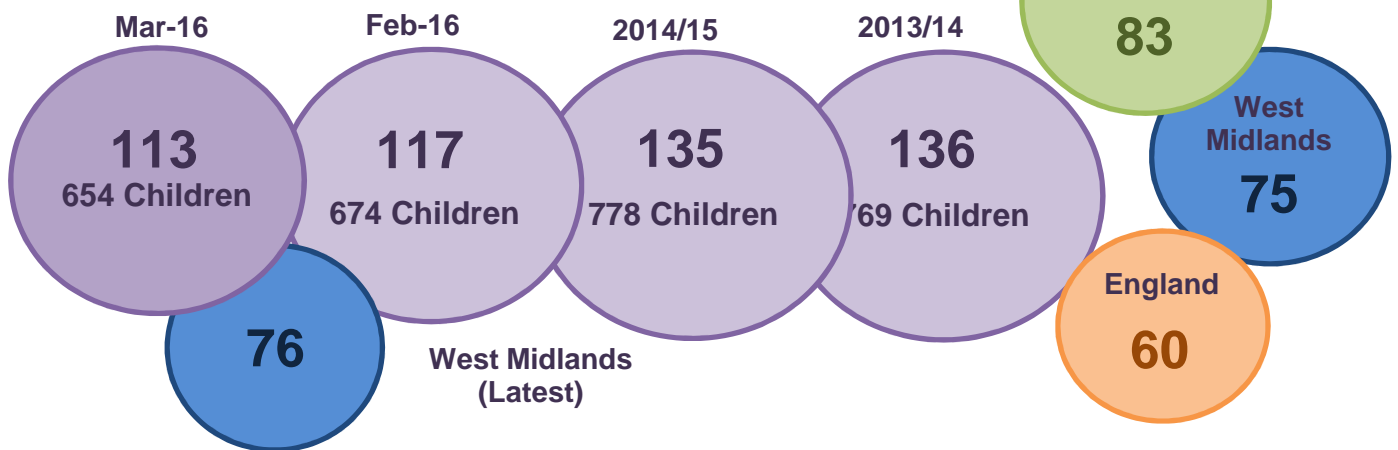


58.4% of the CYP population and 65.0% of LAC are white

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

Looked After Children Population

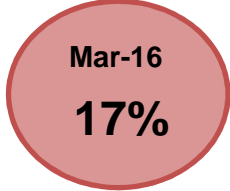
Rate of LAC per 10,000 population aged 0-17



Placements

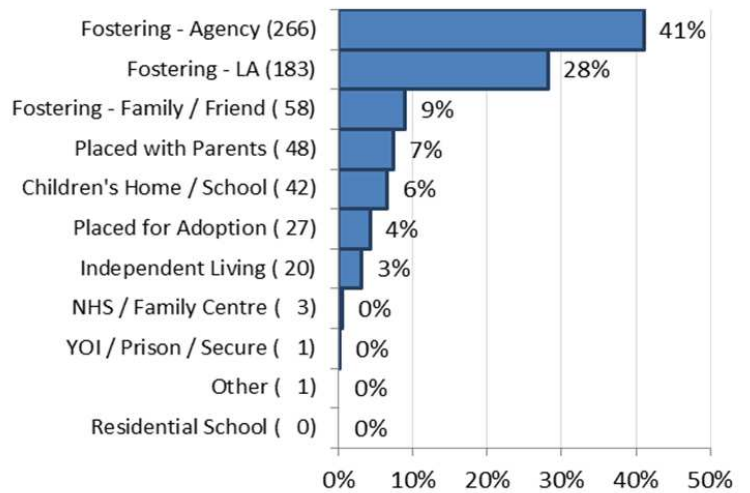


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

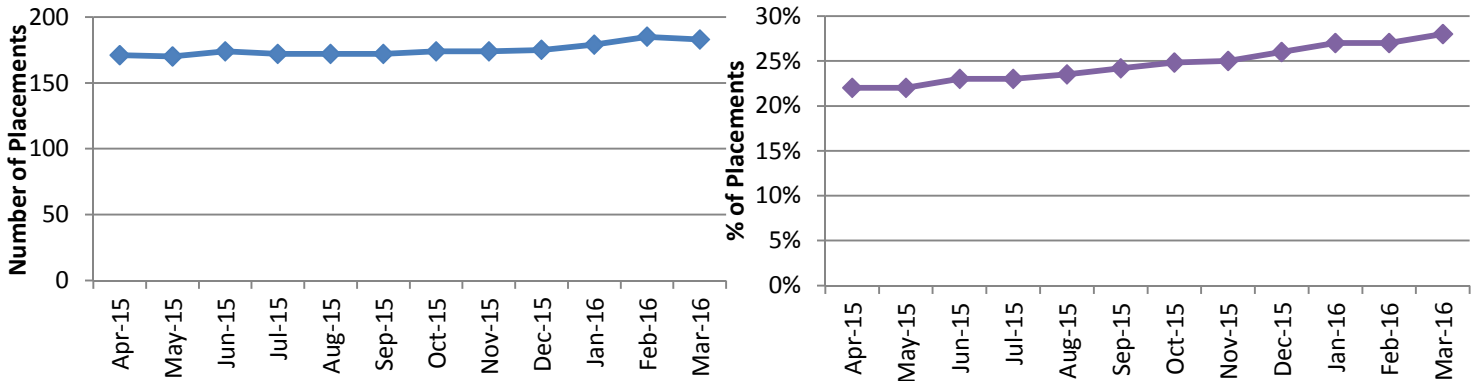


2014/15 Out-turn = 16%
2013/14 Out-turn = 13%
2013/14 Comparator = 15%
2013/14 England = 13%

LAC Placements



In - House Foster Placements

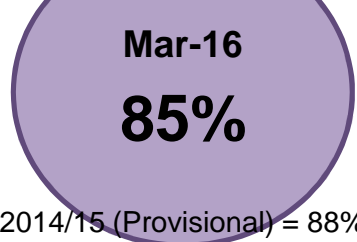


The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers is increasing due to decreases in other placements. The number of in-house foster care placements has decreased slightly to 183 in the

Placement Stability

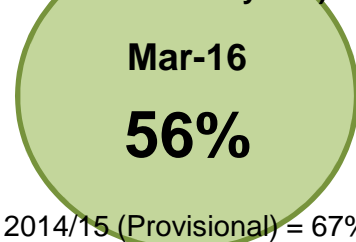


LAC with fewer than 3 placements in the last 12 months



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)



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 children for LAC social workers

21

30% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 20% 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

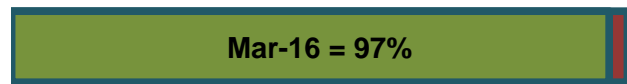
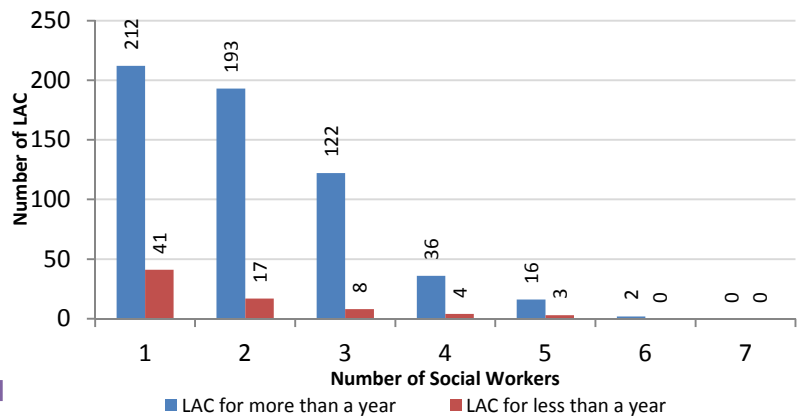
Looked After Children with up to date assessments

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

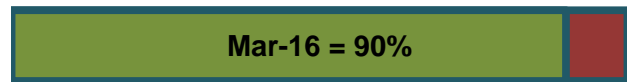
Looked After Children whose reviews have been completed on time

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



2014/15 Out-turn = 96%
2013/14 Out-turn = 95%



2014/15 Out-turn = 91%
2013/14 Out-turn = 92%

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

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

92%

Mar-16

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

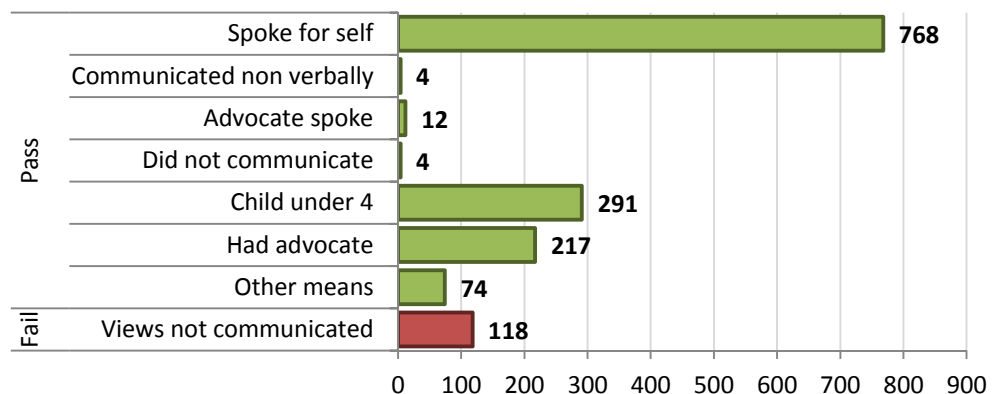
98%

2014/15 Out-turn

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

90%
PEPS (Years 1 -11)
- Mar-16

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

57%
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- Mar-16

* 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%

There has been a strong improvement in the number of PEP's in the month in both indicators that see results slightly above year out turn 14/15.

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

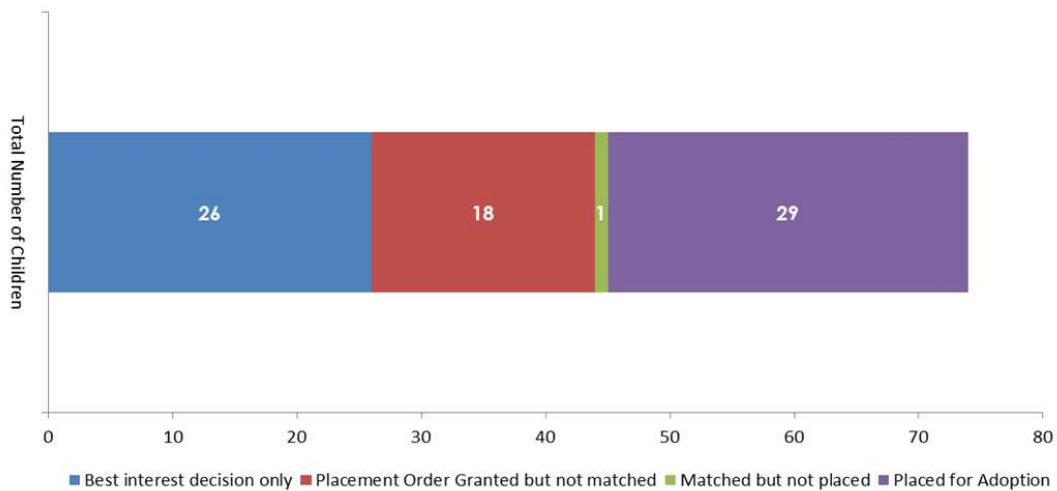
Leaving Care



Children Adopted	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16 (Provisional)
	35	50	51	62

Adoptions

Number of children awaiting adoption 31/03/2016



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

671 Days

3 Year avg 2013-2016

(734 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

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

252 Days

3 year avg 2013-2016

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)

509 Days

3 year avg 2013-2016

(488 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

Single year performance (2014/15)

A1 - 619 days with 64% of children adopted within timescales

A2 - 193 days

A10 - 410 days

Single year performance (2015/16 as at March)

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

A2 - 238 days

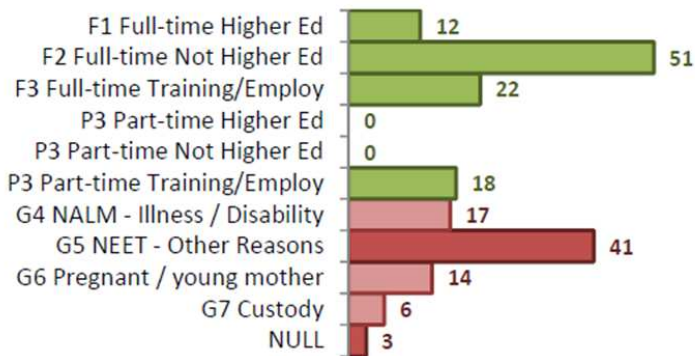
A10 - 518 days

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

5.4 Context: Number EET Statuses



Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training 2014/15

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

March 2016:
56%

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 56% of 17 to 21 year olds in education, employment or training. No comparator data is currently available based on the new cohort.

A large part of the improvement has been due to on-going work by the leaving care team in identifying and recording EET status for all children and young adults in the cohort. Work continues to ensure data quality is high.

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.*