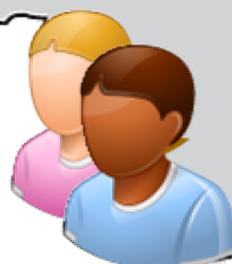


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COUNCIL



**Corporate Parenting
Board**

Performance Report

September 2017

(data as at 31 July 2017)

Key Points to Note

Demographics

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

The number of Looked After Children remains fairly static after decreases through early 2016. Further 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 fallen slightly over the past two months.

The proportion of LAC placed more than 20 miles from home remained at 14%.

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

Assessments of Looked After Children in Wolverhampton remain up to date and performance remained strong at 99% . Reviews completed on time in the year have increased again to 93% in comparison 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 91%.

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.

Please note 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 increased in the month to 90% in the month however is lower compared to 91% at year out-turn 2016/17. The 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 in the month to 90% compared to 82% 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 2016-17 continue to perform above national targets. There were been 13 adoptions in 2017/18 with 62% within A1 indicator timescales. Average timescales are higher than expected due to one long term adoptions of over 1500 days on the A1 indicator.

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 July 61% of 17-21 year olds were in Education, Employment or Training. NALM (not available for the labour market) data has now been included and shows that out of 246 care leavers in the cohort, 79% of care leavers are available for work with 17% (44 young people) not available due to pregnancy or young motherhood, illness or disability or because they are in custody.

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

The proportion of care leavers currently deemed to be in suitable accommodation is also included and shows that 91% of the cohort are currently in suitable accommodation.

Demographics



58167 children aged 0-17 live in Wolverhampton
22.9% of the total population

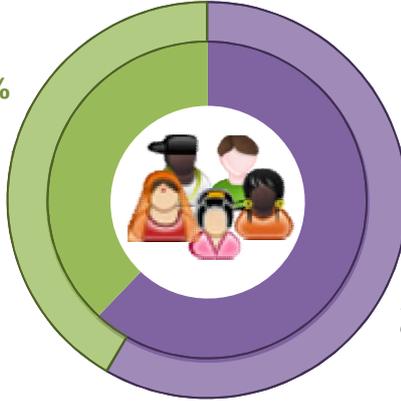
ONS 2014 mid-year estimate

48.8% of the CYP population and 41.3% of LAC are female



51.2% of the CYP population and 58.7% of LAC are male

41.6% of the CYP population and 37.9% of LAC are BME

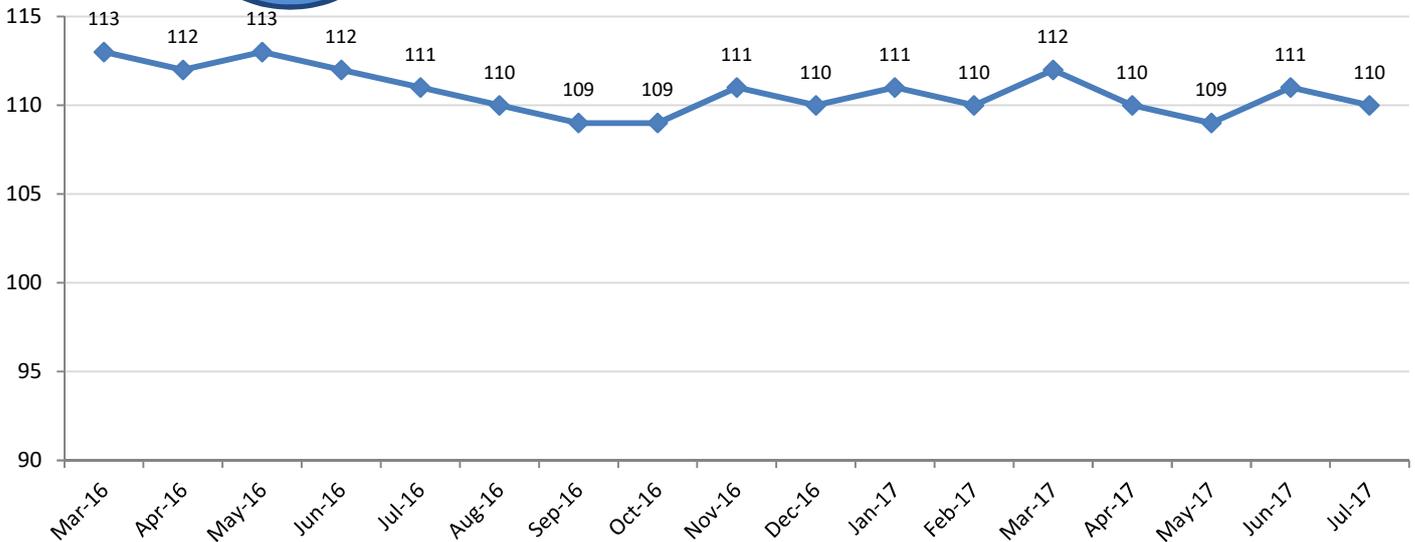
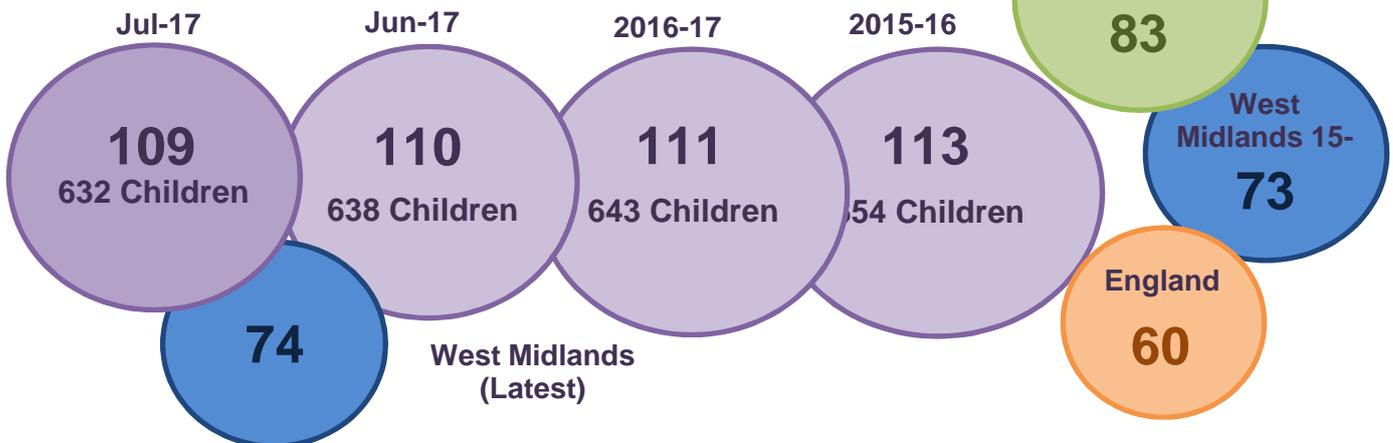


58.4% of the CYP population and 62.1% of LAC are white

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

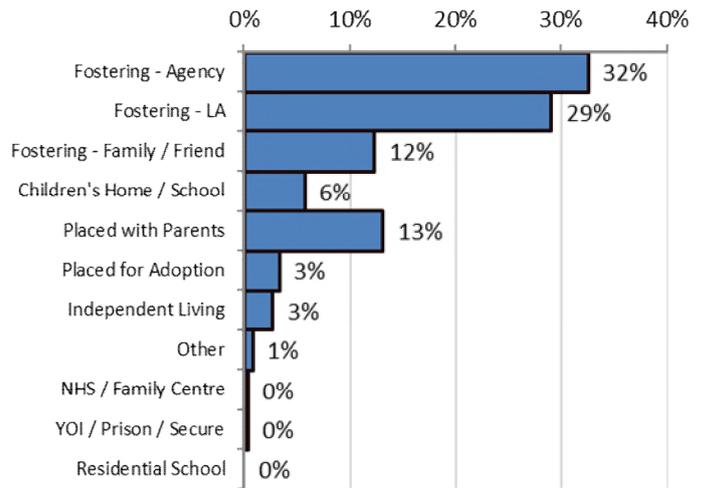


% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

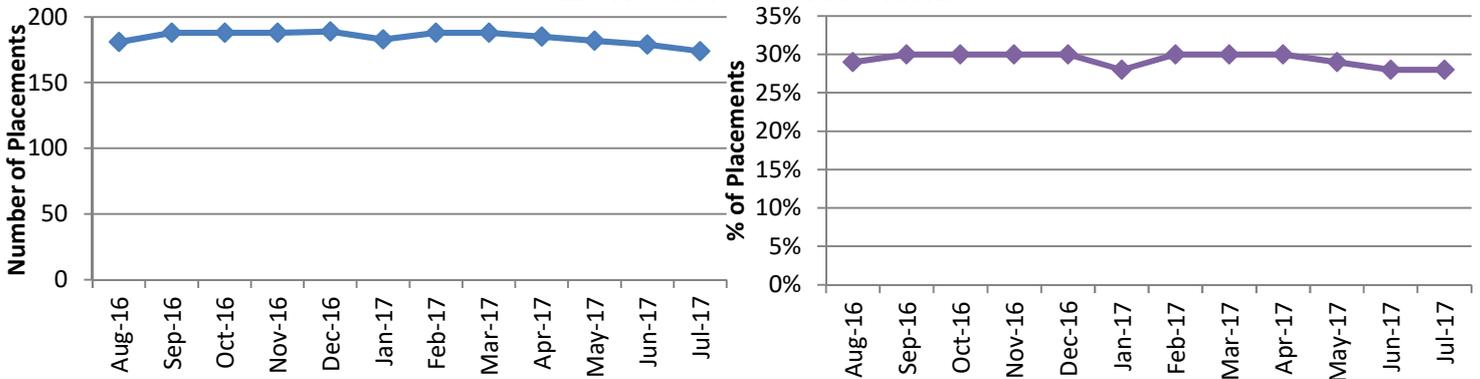


2016-17 Out-turn = 14%
2015-16 Out-turn = 16%
2014-15 Out-turn = 16%

LAC Placements



In - House Foster Placements



The proportion of LAC Placed with in-house foster carers has reduced in the past two months and is now at 28% 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 months



2016-17 (Provisional) = 86%
2015-16 = 85% 2014-15 Out-turn = 88%

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



2016/17 (Provisional) = 67%
2015/16 = 67% 2014/15
Comparator = 67% 2014/15
England = 67%

Performance shows that Looked After Children in Wolverhampton benefit from largely stable packages and percentages of stable relationships has remained fairly static in the year

Routes into Care and Ofsted Ratings



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

88%

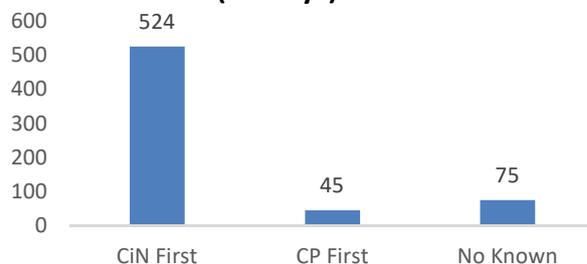
% of LAC who are Asylum Seekers

1.7%

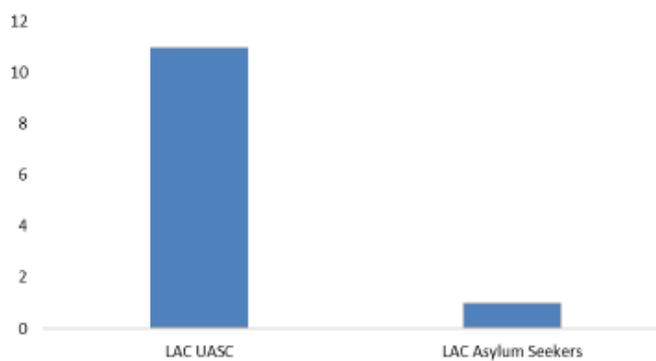
% of LAC in Good or Outstanding Children's Homes

80%

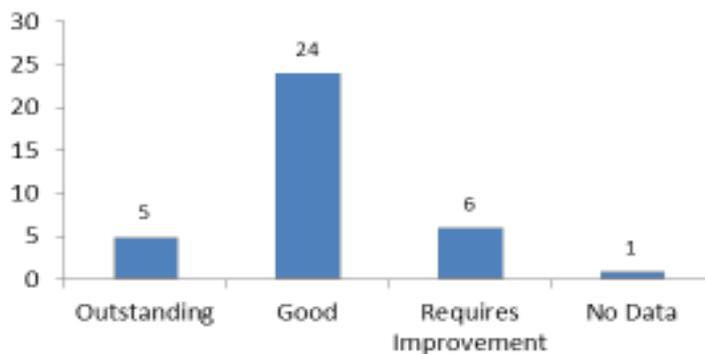
Knowledge of Child Pre LAC (30 Days)



How many LAC are Asylum Seekers



Number of Children in Residential Care Homes by OFSTED Rating



Assessments & Reviews

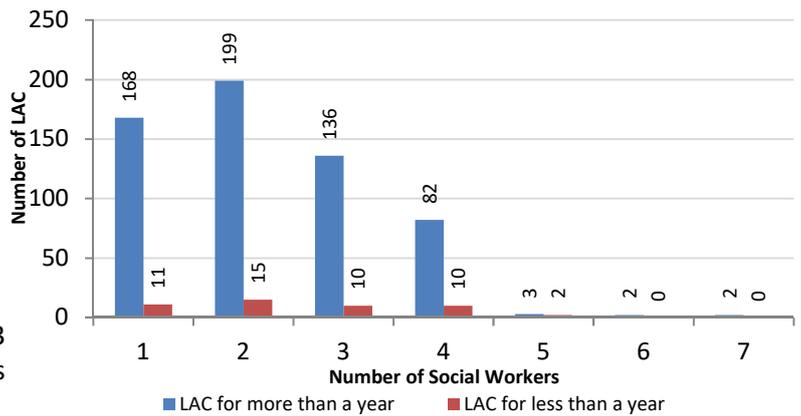


Average caseload of LAC children for LAC social workers

20

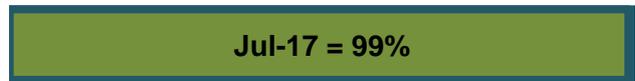
The most cases assigned to a social worker is 24. 13 social workers hold over 20 cases. The fewest cases allocate to a worker is 1.

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



Looked After Children with up to date assessments

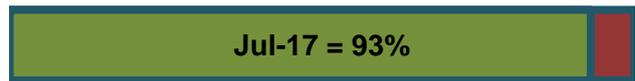
An up to date assessments is one that has been authorised within the last six months.



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%

99% of LAC assessments are currently up to date, compared with 98% at the end of March 2017

Since 1 April 2017, 457 reviews have been completed with 36 not completed within timescales.

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

91%

Performance in LAC participation in reviews since year end has increased to 91%

Jul-17

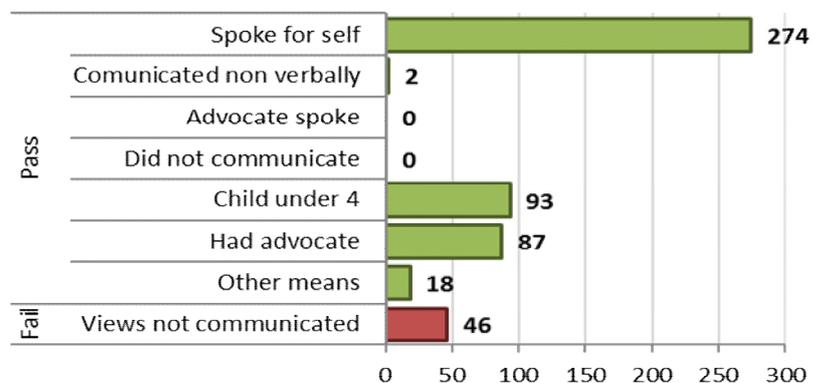
90%

2016-17 Out-turn

93%

2015-16 Out-turn

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

90%
PEPS (Years 1 -11)
- Jul-17

79%
PEPS (Years 12 and 13)
- Jul-17

LAC Absence from School - 2015
(taken from nationally published data)

* Children looked after for 12 months or more

Unauthorised Absence *

1.1%

West Midlands - 0.70%
Statistical Neighbours - 0.91%
England - 1.00%

Overall Absence *

3.8%

West Midlands - 3.70%
Statistical Neighbours - 3.78%
England - 4.0%

LAC Persistent Absence

3.70%

West Midlands - 3.60%
Statistical Neighbours - 4.45%
England - 4.90%

There has been an decrease in the number of PEP's in the month and both indicators still show a strong result.

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



2016-17 Out-turn = 81%

2015-16 Out-turn = 89%

Health Checks



2016-17 Out-turn = 91%

2015-16 Out-turn = 88%

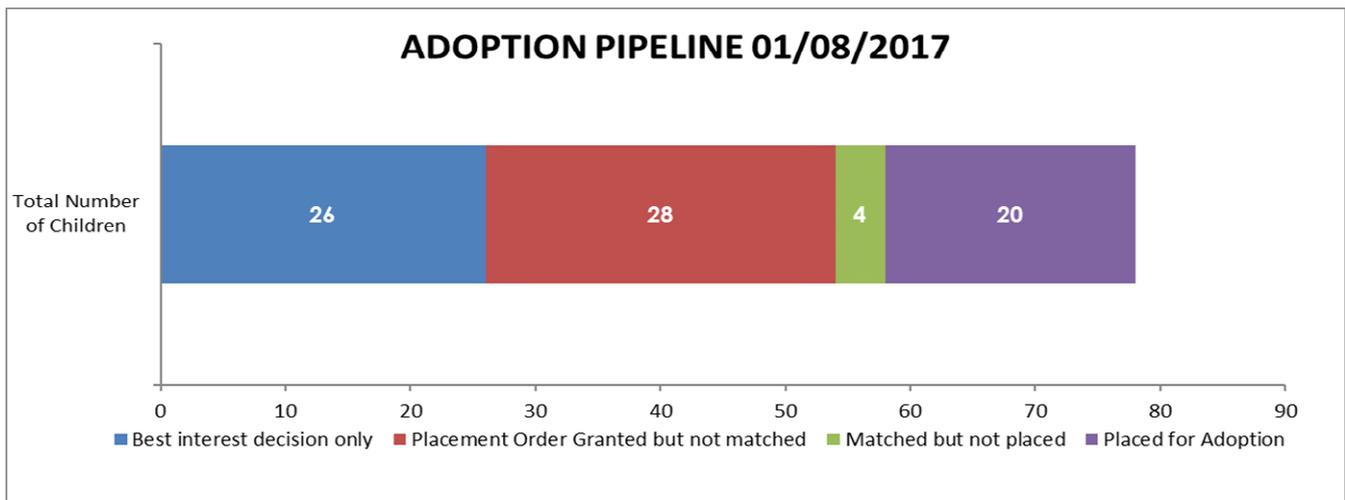
There has again been a increase in
performance since year out turn in
dental checks and results in this area
remain strong as a result of improved
working with the CCG and RWT

Leaving Care



Adoptions

Children Adopted	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	July 2017
	51	61	47	13



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

627 Days

3 Year avg 2014-2017

(734 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

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

221 Days

3 year avg 2014-2017

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)

511 Days

3 year avg 2014-2017

(488 days 2012-2015)

Target - 428 days

Single year performance

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 - 561 days with 62% of children adopted within timescales

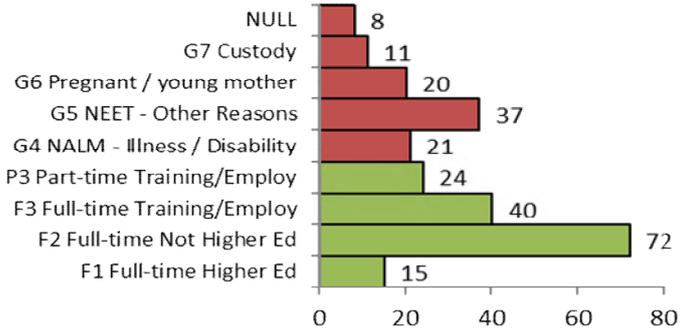
A2 - 160 days

A10 - 440 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

5.4 Context: Number EET Statuses



Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training 2016-17

Wolverhampton - 60%
West Mids (14/15) - 41%
Statistical Neighbours (14/15) - 46%
England (14/15)- 48%

May 2017:
62%

% of Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation

91%

% of Care Leavers available to work

81% Available
19% NALM

(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 remained static at 60% compared with year out turn 2015-16