CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Corporate Parenting Board

Performance Report

September 2018

(data as at July 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

Indicators around timeliness of assessments of Looked After Children have been developed to look at the percentage of LAC who have been re-assessed within 12 months. This indicator shows much lower levels of performance than the previous inidciator taht included reviews. Reviews completed on time in the year remain high at 93% 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 2017-2018. Performance so far in 2018-2019 is very strong with a 95% pass rate.

Education

The 2016 KS2 an 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 continues to decreased to a low of 77% in the month. Managers are targeting tis area of performance with sustained data quality work and supervision. 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 idereased to 86% but is still favourable against year out-turn 2016-2017. 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.

Adoption

Adoption timeliness improved in the 2017-2018 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 2018-2019 performance has improved further with all three indicators within target for the year despite a number of long term LAC being adopted. This is promis 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.
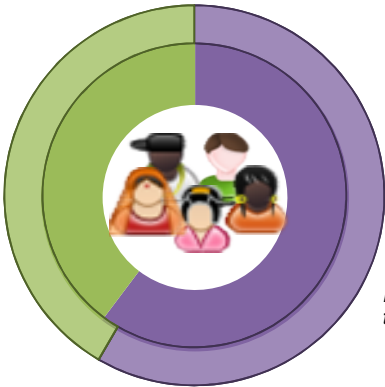
Demographics

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

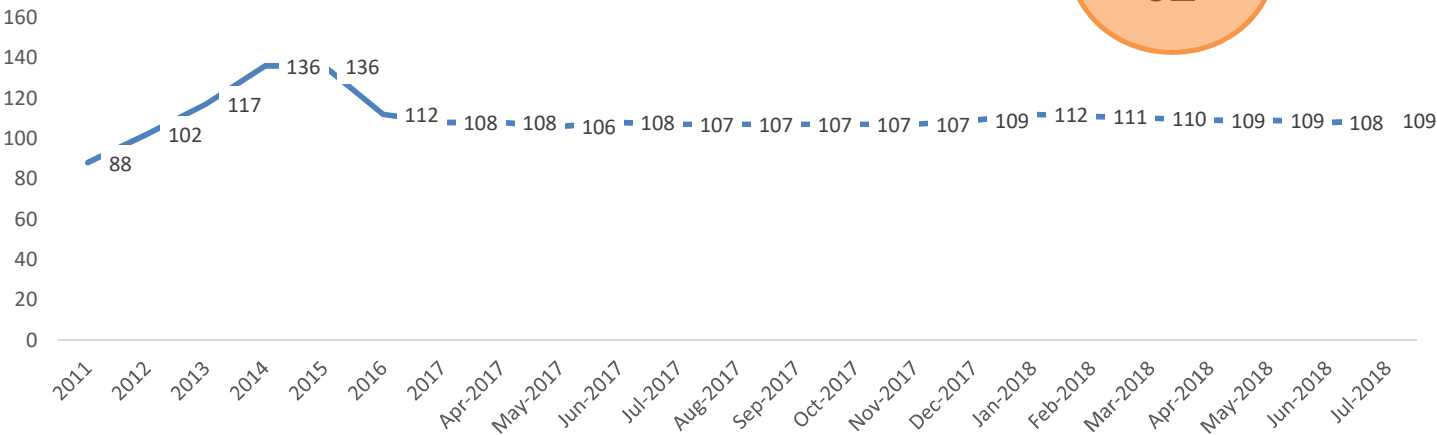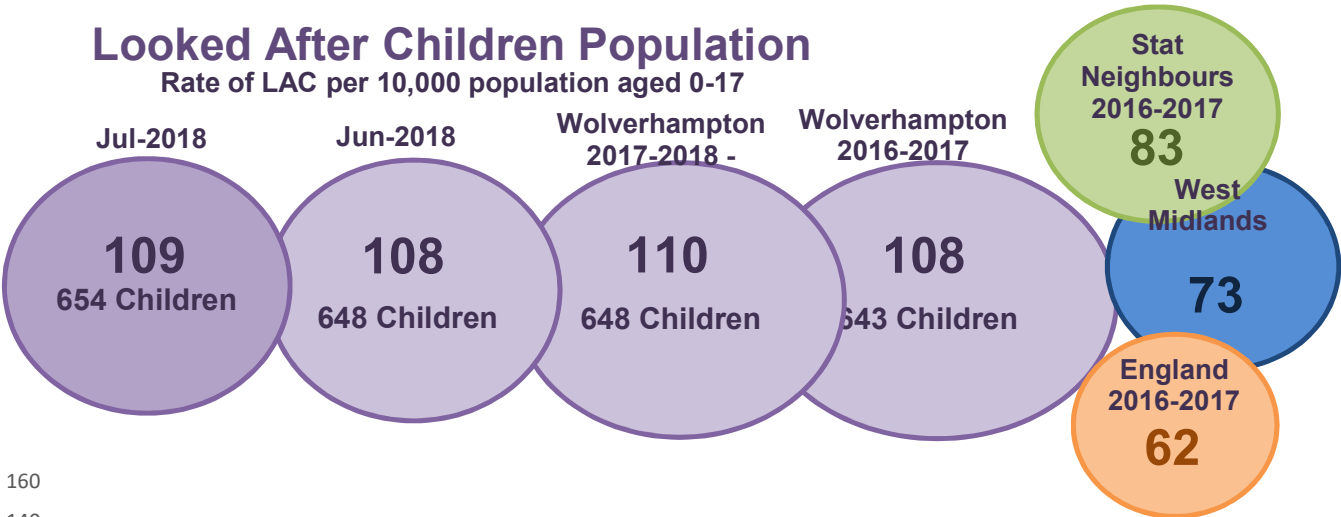**41.6% of the CYP population and 38.9% of LAC are BME**

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

Jul-2018	Jun-2018	Wolverhampton 2017-2018 -	Wolverhampton 2016-2017	Stat Neighbours 2016-2017
109 654 Children	**108** 648 Children	**110** 648 Children	**108** 643 Children	**83**

West Midlands **73**

England 2016-2017 **62**

Chart (Rate of LAC per 10,000 population aged 0-17):

2011: 88
2012: 102
2013: 117
2014: 136
2015: 136
2016: 112
2017: 108
Apr-2017: 108
May-2017: 106
Jun-2017: 108
Jul-2017: 107
Aug-2017: 107
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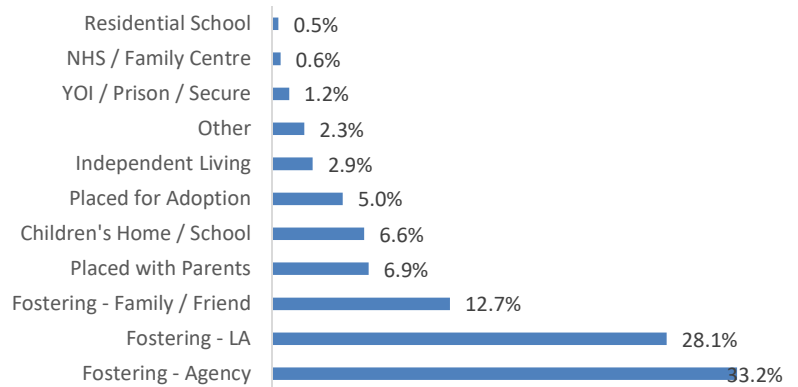May-2018: 109
Jun-2018: 108
Jul-2018: 109

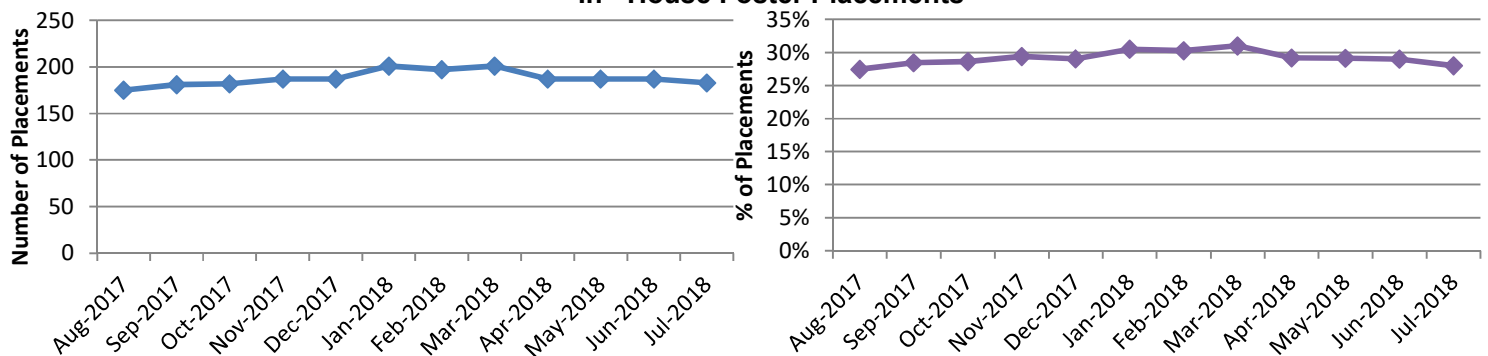# Placements

% LAC Placed 20 miles + from home

Jul-2018

16%

2016-2017 Out-turn = 14% 2015-2016 Out-turn = 16% 2014-2015 Out-turn = 16% 2013-2014 Out-turn = 13%

LAC by Placement Type

Placement Type	%
Residential School	0.5%
NHS / Family Centre	0.6%
YOI / Prison / Secure	1.2%
Other	2.3%
Independent Living	2.9%
Placed for Adoption	5.0%
Children's Home / School	6.6%
Placed with Parents	6.9%
Fostering - Family / Friend	12.7%
Fostering - LA	28.1%
Fostering - Agency	33.2%

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

Jul-2018

86%

2016-2017 Wolverhampton = 87%
2016-2017 West Midlands = 89%
2016-2017 Stat Neighbours = 90%
2016-2017 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)
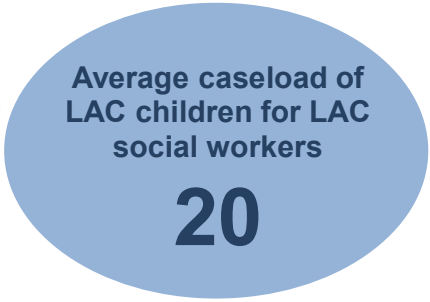
Jul-2018

68%

2016-2017 Wolverhampton = 71%
2016-2017 West Midlands = 71%
2016-2017 Stat Neighbours = 71%
2016-2017 England = 70%

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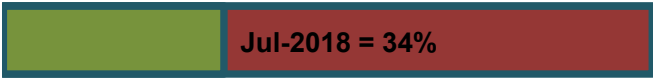
Assessments & Reviews

Average caseload of LAC children for LAC social workers

20

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

45% of young people who have been looked after for more than a year and 37% who have been looked after for less than a year have had 3 or more social workers in the past 12 months
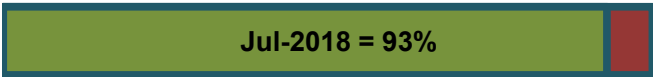
This is an improving picture

Looked After Children with up to date assessments

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

Jul-2018 = 34%

2017-2018 Out-turn = 36%

2016-2017 Out-turn = 45%

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

Jul-2018 = 93%

2017-2018 Out-turn = 92%

2016-2017 Out-turn = 82%

LAC assessment data now reports cases that have had a new assessment completed within 12 months.

Since 1st June 2017, 92% of reviews were within timescales.

The proportion of LAC reviews where the child was present or contributed by other means since 1st April 2018

95%
Jul-2018

95%
2017-2018 Out-turn

90%
2016-2017 Out-turn

There has been an increase in LAC participation in reviews since year out turn 2017-2018. This is after a period of lower performance in early 2017-2018.

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	Progess 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

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

95%
2016-2017 Out-turn

80%
2017-2018 Out-turn

90%
PEPS (Years 1 -11) - Jul-18

91%
PEPS (Years 12 and 13) - Jul-2018

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

* Children looked after for 12 months or more

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 2017.

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LAC Health

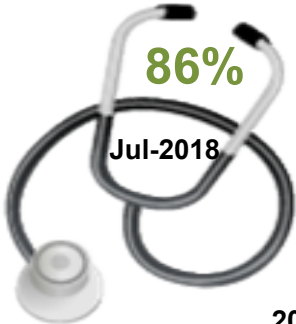**60% of children in the Wolverhampton Local Authority Area have seen a dentist in the last two years**

Dental Checks

77%

Jul-2018

2017-2018 Out-turn = 84%

2016-2017 Out-turn = 82%

Health Checks
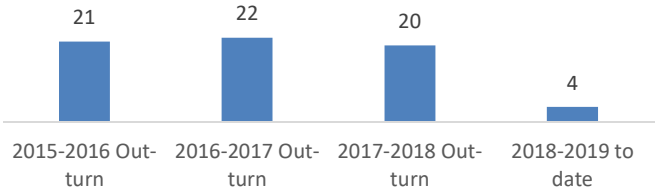
86%

Jul-2018

2017-2018 Out-turn = 84%
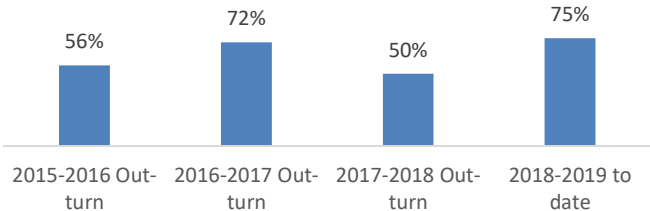
2016-2017 Out-turn = 84%

There been a 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.
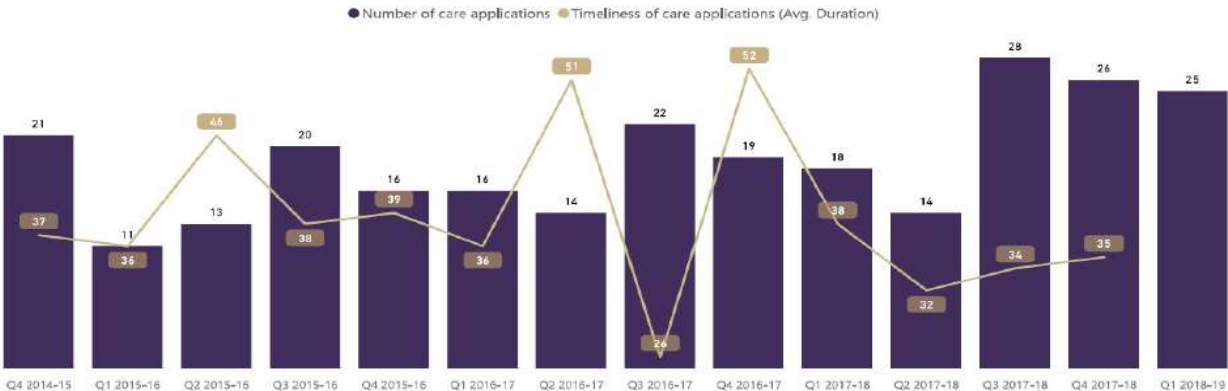
Foster Recruitment

Number of Foster Carers Approved in the Year

2015-2016 Out-turn	2016-2017 Out-turn	2017-2018 Out-turn	2018-2019 to date
21	22	20	4

Percentage of Foster Carers Approved in timescale

2015-2016 Out-turn	2016-2017 Out-turn	2017-2018 Out-turn	2018-2019 to date
56%	72%	50%	75%

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

● Number of care applications ● Timeliness of care applications (Avg. Duration)

	Q4 2014-15	Q1 2015-16	Q2 2015-16	Q3 2015-16	Q4 2015-16	Q1 2016-17	Q2 2016-17	Q3 2016-17	Q4 2016-17	Q1 2017-18	Q2 2017-18	Q3 2017-18	Q4 2017-18	Q1 2018-19
Number of care applications	21	11	13	20	16	16	14	22	19	18	14	28	26	25
Timeliness (Avg. Duration)	37	36	44	38	39	36	51	26	52	38	32	34	35	

Leaving Care

	Children Adopted	**2015-2016** **61**	**2016-2017** **47**	**2017-2018** **40**	**2018-2019** **8**

Adoptions

Stage in adoption process ● Placed for Adoption ● Matched but not placed ● Placement Order Granted but not matched ● Best interest decision only

28	3	25	21

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

554 Days
3 Year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

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

217 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)*

462 Days
3 year avg 2016-2019

Target - 428 days

Single year performance (2018/19 to date)

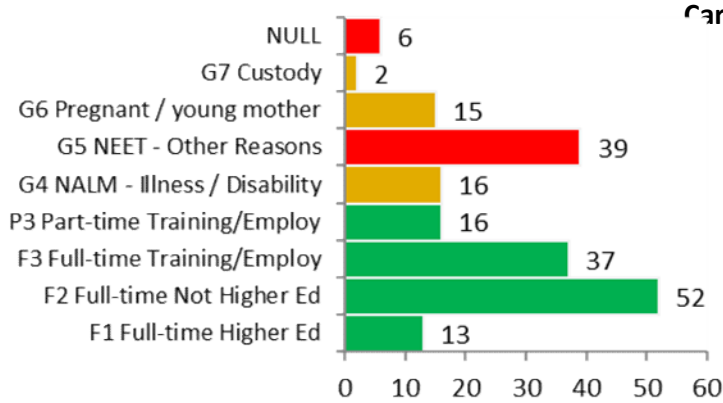**A1** - 405 days with 75% of children adopted within timescales
A2 - 135 days
A10 - 259 days

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 2017-2018 show a similar pattern to the previous year, however an encouraging start has been made in 2018/2019 with 75% of adoptions within timescale.

Care Leavers

Number EET Statuses

Status	Number
NULL	6
G7 Custody	2
G6 Pregnant / young mother	15
G5 NEET - Other Reasons	39
G4 NALM - Illness / Disability	16
P3 Part-time Training/Employ	16
F3 Full-time Training/Employ	37
F2 Full-time Not Higher Ed	52
F1 Full-time Higher Ed	13

Care Leavers in Education, Employment and Training

Wolverhampton 2017-2018 Provisional = 60%
Wolverhampton 2016-2017 = 56%
West Mids 2016-2017 = 46%
Statistical Neighbours 2016-2017 = 47%
England 2016-2017- 50%

May 2018:
60%

% Care Leavers in Suitable Accomodation

85%

% Care Leavers in Available to work

85%