

# **Walsall Children's Services Corporate Parenting Board September 2019 - Q2 (Apr 19 - Sept 19)**

Note - Some comparator averages regarding Stat Neighbours, West Midlands and England are based on 17/18 figures as the 18/19 figures are yet to be published.

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## Current Children Looked After (CLA) Profile

Current Number of  
Children Looked After  
(CLA)

641

Children Looked After  
per 10,000  
Walsall

95

Walsall CLA per 10,000  
pop  
2018/19

91

West Mids CLA per  
10,000 pop  
2017/18

78

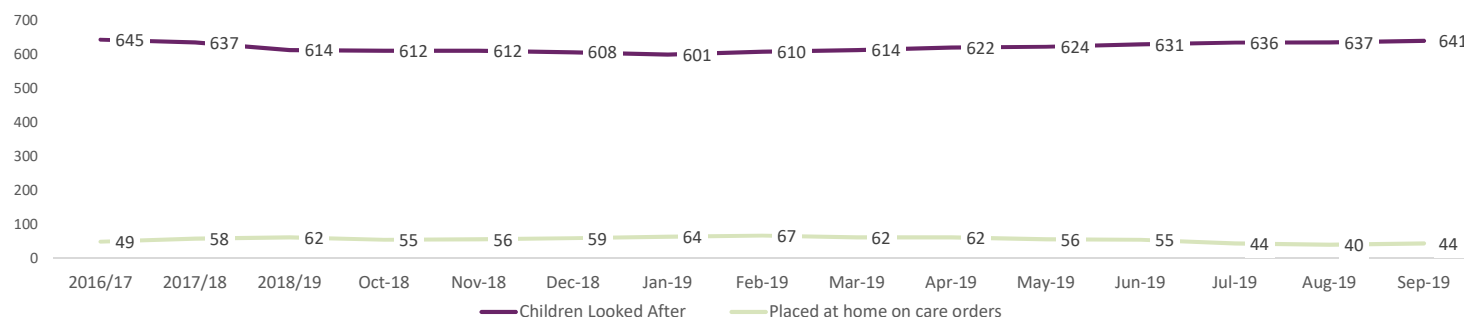
Stat Neighbours CLA  
per 10,000 pop  
2017/18

98

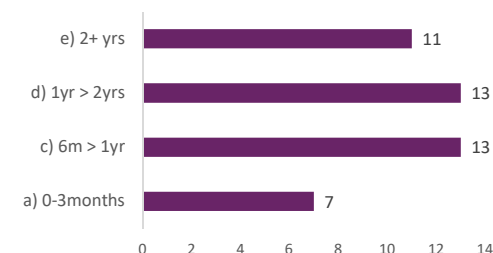
England CLA per 10,000  
pop  
2017/18

64

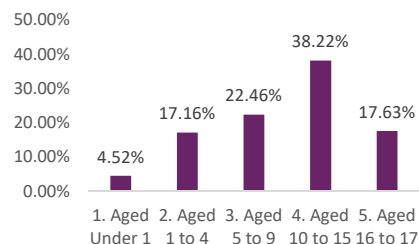
Number of Children Looked After in Walsall (12 Month Rolling)



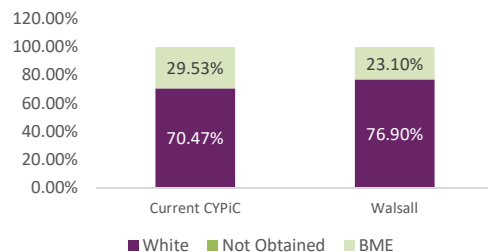
Length of Time placed at home on  
full care orders



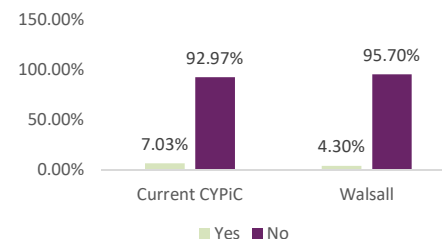
% of current CLA by age



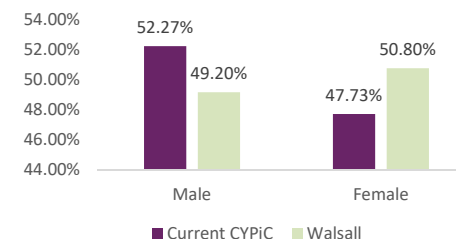
Ethnicity Comparison



Disability Comparison



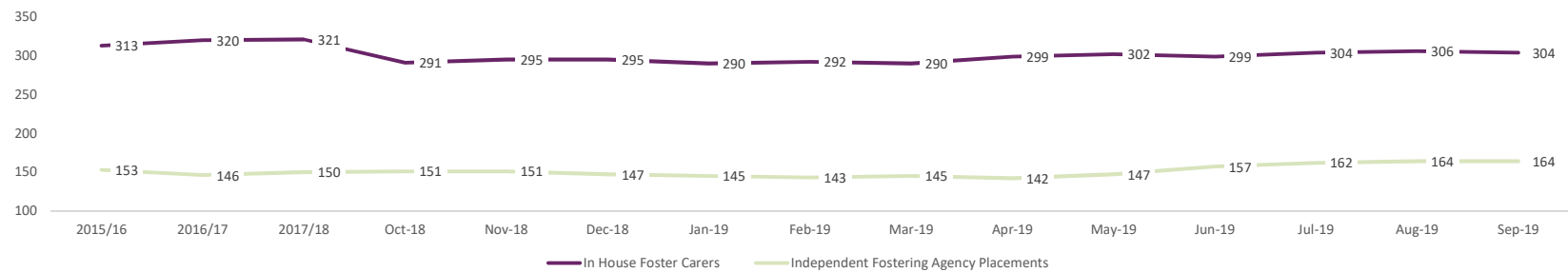
Gender Comparison



Demographic data has been taken from the 2017 mid-year population estimates. A higher proportion of children looked after are from BME backgrounds compared to the Walsall Child and Young Person population. The current children looked after population has continued to increase since January – from 601 to 641 at the end of Sept 2019. The current rate per 10,000 remains below that of our statistical neighbours but is still considerably higher than the 2017/18 England and West Midlands averages. We currently have 44 children placed at home on full care order, this has decreased from 55 at the end of quarter 1 2019/20. 24 of the 44 have been placed at home for over a year. Work is continuing with the courts to revoke care orders for children who are placed at home where appropriate.

CLA Placement Analysis

Breakdown of Foster Placements (12 Month Rolling)



The number of CLA placed with in house foster carers and IFA's remains stable.



% CLA placed 20 mile+ from home  
**13.40%**

Walsall 2018/19 = 11.9%  
Walsall 2017/18 = 14.0%  
Walsall 2016/17 = 14.9%

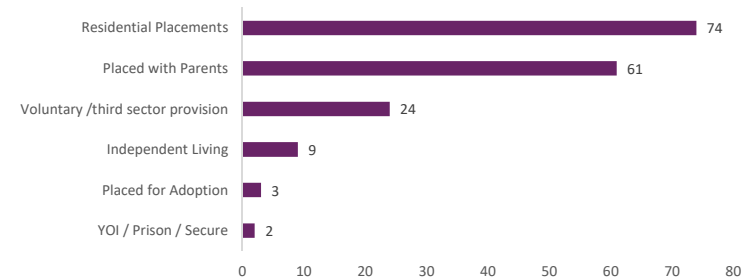
% CLA 3 or more placements in a year  
**8.00%**

2018/19 Walsall = 7.3%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 11.0%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 9.2%

% of CLA in same placement for over 2 years if CLA for over 2.5 years  
**67.40%**

2017/18 Walsall = 67.7%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 68.0%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 69.9%

Current CLA by Placement Type (non-fostered)



Trends for placements with in house foster carers continue to remain strong, currently Walsall has 304 in house foster carers, this is slightly lower than the 2017-18 figure of 321. Walsall has 164 independent fostering agency placements, this is higher than the 2017-18 outturn of 150.

Just over 13% of Walsall's CLA are placed 20 plus miles from their home address and 8% of the CLA population have had 3 or more placements within a year. 74 of Walsall's CLA are placed in a residential setting these include children's home, residential accommodation or NHS/Health establishments providing medical or nursing care.

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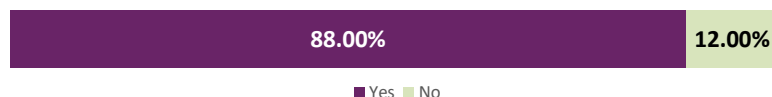
### Statutory Visits and Reviews



#### % Visits undertaken to timescale

Where a statutory visit has been undertaken to timescale in accordance with the child's plan.

Time Since Last Visit Undertaken	Number
a) 0 - 6 weeks	494
b) 6 - 12 weeks	101
c) 12 - 18 weeks	25
d) 18+ weeks	8
Unknown	13
Total	641

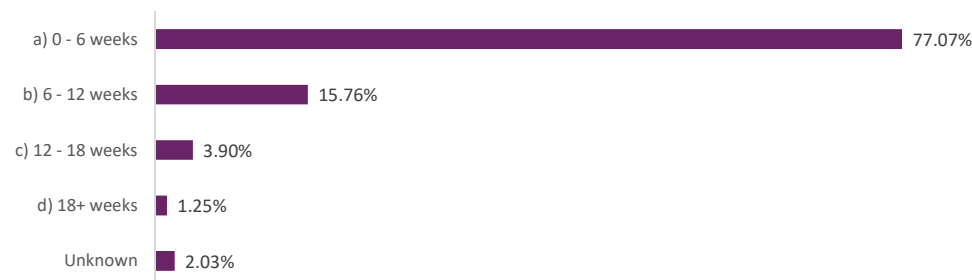


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 88%

2017/18 Year Out-turn = 88%



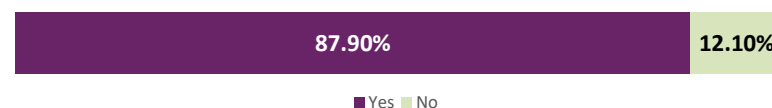
#### % Time since last visits undertaken



#### Reviews carried out within timescale

Where reviews for children looked after are carried out within timescale

Time Since Latest Review	Number
a) 0 > 3 months	278
b) 3 > 6 months	239
c) 6 > 9 months	70
d) 9 > 12 months	16
e) 1 year or more	0
No Review	19
No review - new in last month	14
Unknown	5
Total	641

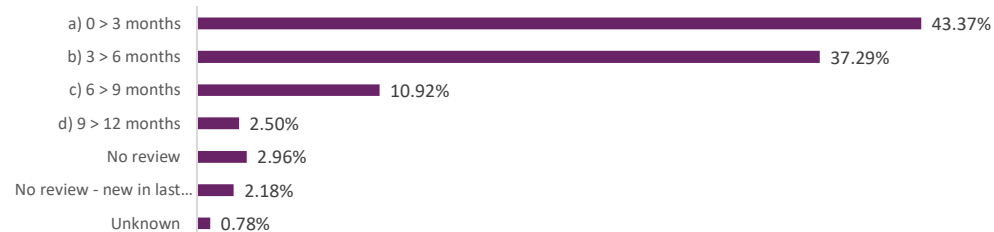


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 91%

2017/18 Year Out-turn = 90%



#### % Time Since Latest Review



The proportion of CLA where a statutory visit has been undertaken to timescale in accordance with the child's plan is 88.0%, with 77.0% seen within 6 weeks of the previous visit or coming in care.

87.9% of reviews have been undertaken within timescales. This is slightly lower than the 2018/19 out-turn of 91%. 80.6% of current children looked after have had a review within the last 6 months. 13% (86) children currently have overdue reviews.

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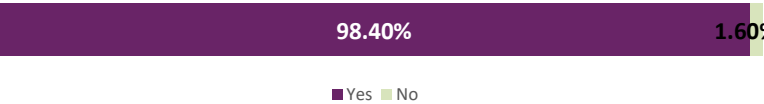
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Statutory Visits and Reviews



% CLA Reviews where the childs views were recorded

The proportion of CLA reviews where the child's views were recorded (this is where the review took place and a "PN" code has been selected)



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 100%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 97%



% CLA Reviews where the child attended their review

The proportion of CLA reviews where the child's physically attends their review.

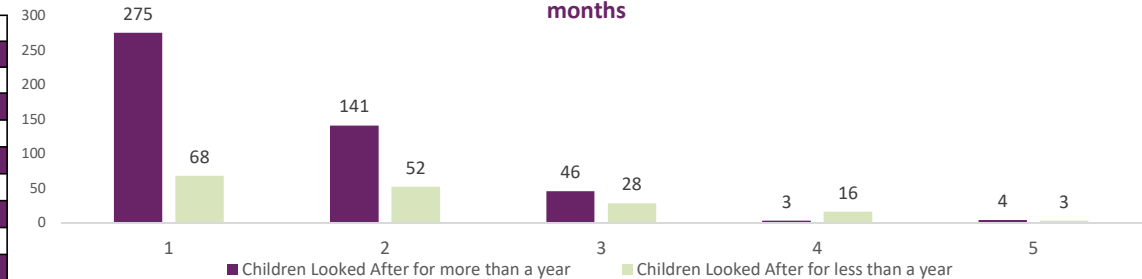


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 58%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 49%



Type of Participation at Review	Number
PN0 - child under 4 at time of review	147
PN1 - child attends and speaks for themselves	257
PN2 - child attends and an advocate speaks for them	8
PN3 - child attends and conveys their views non-verbally	3
PN4 - child attends; does not speak for themselves / convey their views	17
PN5 - child does not attend but asks advocate to speak for them	40
PN6 - child does not attend but conveys their feelings to the conference	135
PN7 - child does not attend nor conveys their view to the conference	13
Total Reviews	620
No Participation Code Reported	10

Number of CLA who have remained with the same social worker for the past 12 months



All children and young people have had the opportunity to express their views prior to their review. Positively, the percentage of children who have physically attended their review continues to increase. In 2019/20 60.2% of children attended their review, this is higher than the out-turn of 58% in 2018/19. As the number of children looked after and workforce becomes more stable the number of children experiencing a change of social worker continues to decrease, the number of CLA who have remained with the same social worker for the past 12 months is 275 compared with 201 last year. This is extremely positive and demonstrates that children and young people in care are being given the opportunity to express their views and feelings and are also benefitting from stability of allocated workers, ensuring that they can build trust within the relationship.

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### Education - Termly Data

KS2 Expected Standard	Figures highlighted are provisional			
	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Walsall Current - CLA Provisional 2019	54%	39%	57%	25%
Walsall Borough 2019	77%	70%	77%	61%
Stat Neighbours CLA 2018	56%	53%	54%	44%
England 2018 CLA	47%	45%	49%	35%
KS4	% achieving 9-5 pass in english and maths	% achieving 9-4 pass in english and maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8
Walsall - CLA	7% (2019)	19% (2019)	19.9	-0.51
Walsall Borough 2018	36%	57%	43.8	-0.19
Stat Neighbours 2018	37%	59%	43.4	-1.14
England 2018	40%	59%	18.9	-1.20
Ofsted Rated Schools		Exclusions**		
No Students Attending Good or Outstanding Schools	80%	Atleast one fixed term Exclusion		8%

\*\* 2019 validated published CLA data is due to be release in March 2020



### CLA with an up to date ePEP

The proportion eligible CYPiC with an up to date Electronic Personal Education Plan (ePEP)

The proportion of ePEP's completed at the end of the summer term is 92.0% , The percentage of ePEP's that have been rated as outstanding in terms of quality is 4.30%, 72.0% were rated as good and 22.0% require improvement and 1.1% were inadequate. CLA overall absence, Persistent Absence and Unauthorised Absence are currently all below both Statistical neighbour and England averages.

### Methodology

Attainment in English and maths (9-5) From 2017, this measure looks at the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and maths. Pupils can achieve the English component of this with a grade 5 or above in English language or literature. There is no requirement to sit both exams.

Attainment 8 - Attainment 8 measures the average achievement of pupils in up to 8 qualifications including English (double weighted if the combined English qualification, or both language and literature are taken), maths (double weighted), three further qualifications that count in the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) and three further qualifications that can be GCSE qualifications (including EBacc subjects) or any other non-GCSE qualifications on the DfE approved list.

Progress 8 - Progress 8 aims to capture the progress a pupil makes from the end of key stage 2 to the end of key stage 4. It compares pupils' achievement – their Attainment 8 score – with the average Attainment 8 score of all pupils nationally who had a similar starting point (or 'prior attainment'), calculated using assessment results from the end of primary school.

### CLA Overall Absence

**3.6%**

Statistical Neighbours - 4.5%  
England - 4.5%

### CLA Persistent Absence \*

**7.7%**

Statistical Neighbours - 10.0%  
England - 10.6%

### CLA Unauthorised Absence

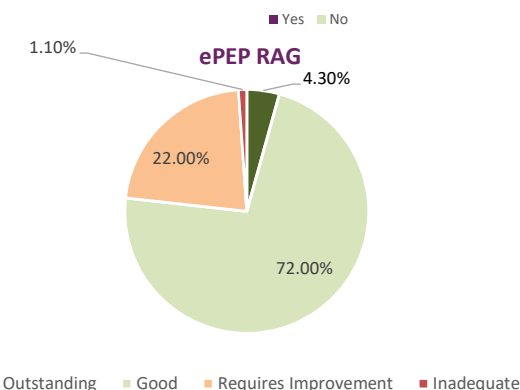
**1.0%**

Statistical Neighbours - 1.3%  
England - 1.3%

\*A pupil is classed as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more possible sessions (due to authorised or unauthorised absence)

\*\*There have been no permanent exclusions

### ePEP's - Completed - All ages



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## Health and Well-being



### % Initial Health Check Completed in Timescale

Assessments in timescale of CLA admission for those in care for 28 days or more

### % of CLA with Up to Date Health Assessments

where the child is over 5 and has been looked after for over a year Out of Borough



### % of CLA with an up to date dental check

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months



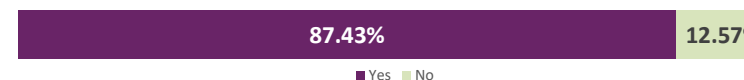
2018/19 Year Out-turn = 75%

2017/18 Year Out-turn = 63%



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 83%

2017/18 Year Out-turn = 77%



■ Yes ■ No



■ Yes ■ No

2018/19 Year Out-turn = 96%

2017/18 Year Out-turn = 86%



## Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)

The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire should be completed for every child looked after for at least 12 months and aged 5 to 16 years-old.

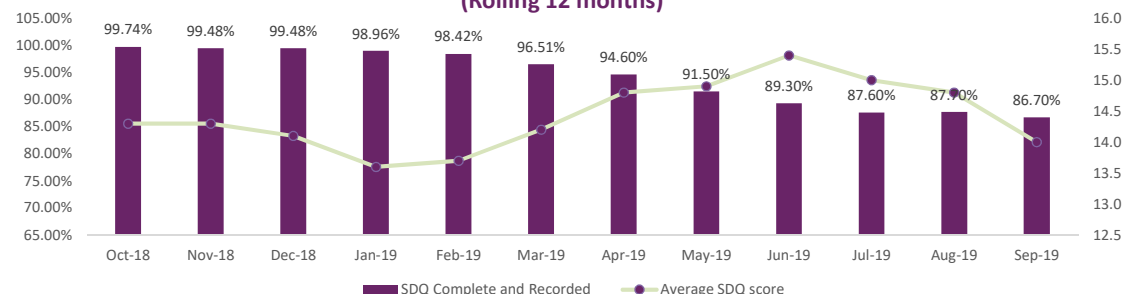
Average SDQ Score  
**14.0**



### Breakdown

		Number	% of those eligible for an SDQ	% against all Children Looked After
Score 0 - 13	Considered Normal	126	44%	20.0%
Score 14 - 16	Borderline	34	12%	5.4%
Score 17 - 40	Cause for Concern	108	38%	17.1%

### Number of children looked after for at least 12 months aged 5 to 16 with an SDQ score (Rolling 12 months)



The percentage of children looked after with an initial health check and dental checks has fallen. It is anticipated that this will increase as data continues to be loaded onto system throughout the year. Significant work has been undertaken, and continues to be taken in partnership with health to improve the processes and accuracy of data recording in relation to health assessments and to ensure that children and young people receive their assessments on time. The proportion of SDQ's completed and recorded has continued to decrease. Currently 86.7% of children looked after have completed an SDQ within the last 12 months and the average SDQ score is 14.0, this is lower than quarter 1 where the average SDQ score was 15.4. Work is being undertaken to understand the decrease in the SDQ's being completed and recorded. 108 children currently have an SDQ score that suggests there is cause for concern in their emotional and mental well-being based on the answers they gave to the questionnaire

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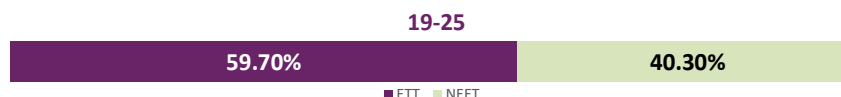


### Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training

Education, Employment and Training of Care Leavers aged 19-21



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 63%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 63%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%



### Care Leavers available to work - All Ages

Care Leavers who are available to work this excludes all those that are not available for the labour market due to illness/disability, pregnancy or young mothers or being in custody. (NALM)

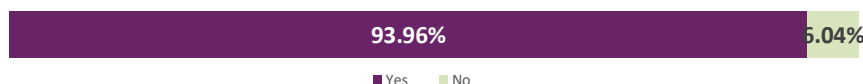


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 81%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 59%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 55%  
2017/18 England = 61%



### Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

Care Leavers whose accommodation is classed as suitable for ages 19-21

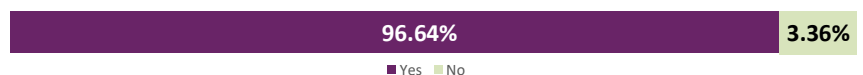


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 90%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 84%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 89%  
2017/18 England = 84%



### Care Leavers in touch

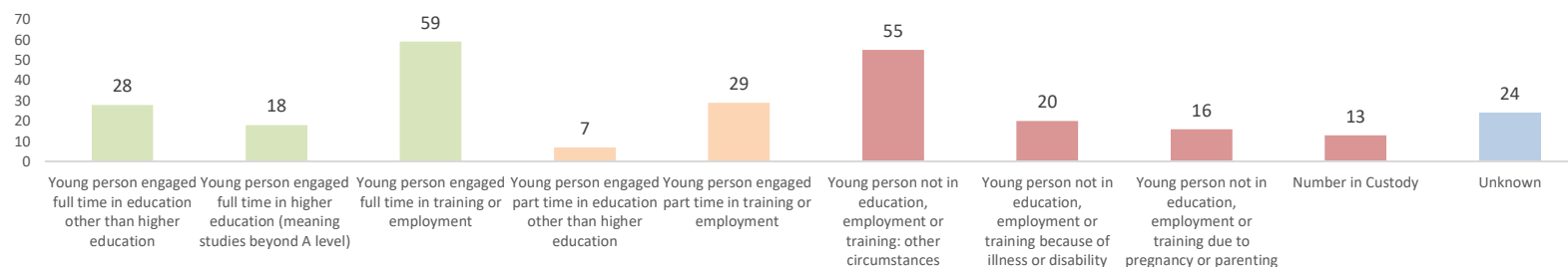
Care Leavers where the local authority is in touch aged 19-21



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 97%  
2017/18 West Midlands = 93%  
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 96%  
2017/18 England = 93%



### Current Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training Status



The percentage of care leavers in education, employment or training for the 19-21 and 19-25 cohorts are below last years out turn. 78.8% of care leavers are available to work - excluding those not available for the labour market (NALM) due to illness, disability, pregnancy or being a young mother or because they are in custody. 13 of Walsall's care leavers are currently in custody. The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation remains stable at 93.9%. The proportion of care leavers in touch with the council is currently at 96.64%, which is on par with the 2018 out turn of 97%.

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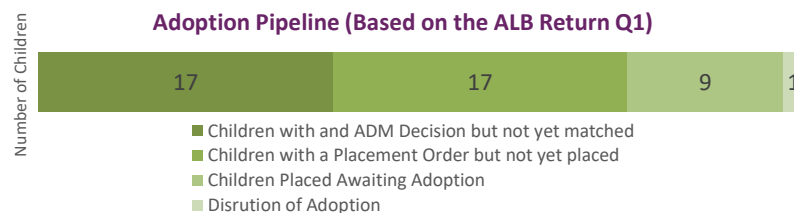
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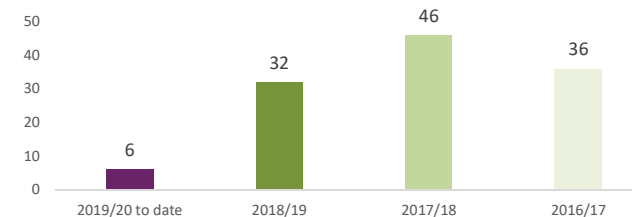
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### Adoption Pipeline



### Number of adoptions (Based on the ALB return)

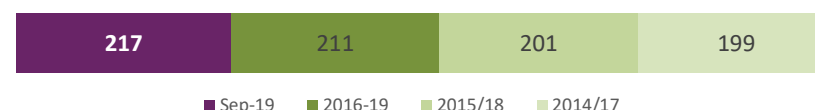


### A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match

#### Rolling average (Single Year)

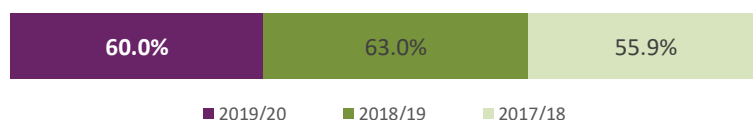


#### 3 year rolling average

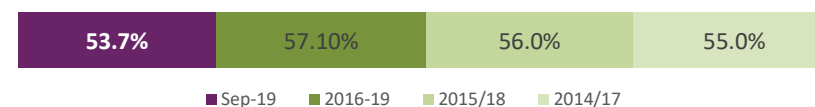


### A3 - % Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

#### Rolling average (Single Year)

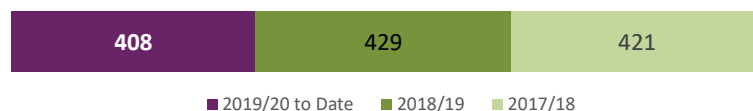


#### 3 year rolling average

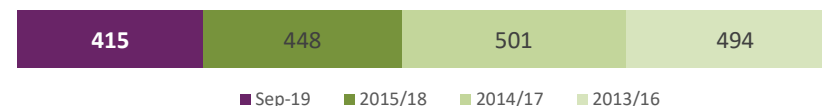


### A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

#### Rolling average (Single Year)



#### 3 year rolling average



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In 2018/19 32 were children were adopted. 6 children have been adopted so far in 2019/20. Children are waiting slightly longer in 2019 than in 2018 between receiving court authority to place and finding a match - this is currently at 217 days compared to 211 days in 2019. 60% of Children wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. This is lower than in 17/18 but higher than in 16/17. Between April and Sept 9 Children have ceased to be looked after due to special guardianship orders and 15 due to child arrangement orders.