

Walsall Children's Services Corporate Parenting Board March 2019 - Q4 (Provisional Figures)

Note - As the 2018/19 financial year has only just finished the figures in this report are provisional until the Children Looked After return has been completed, figures will be amended when the final position is known following the submission of the national statutory returns.



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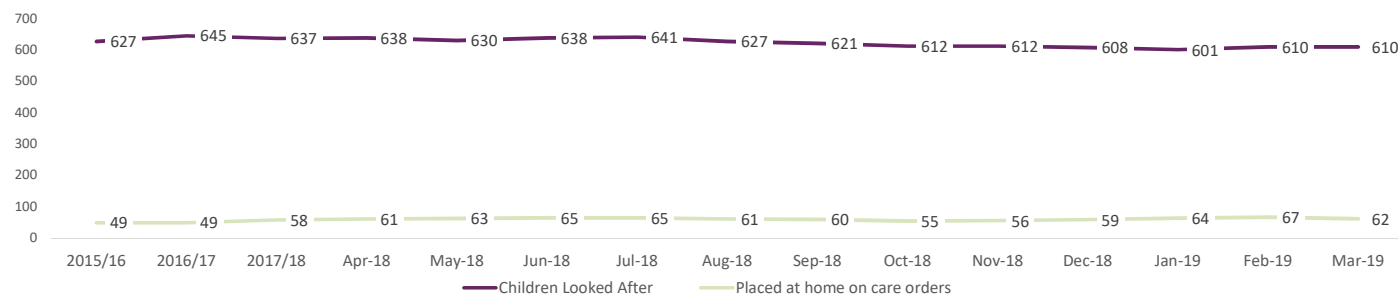
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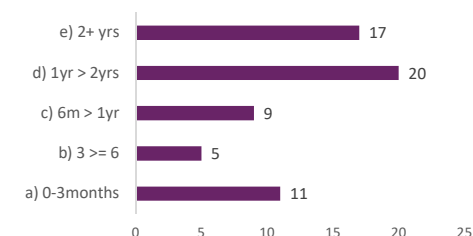
Current Children Looked After (CLA) Profile



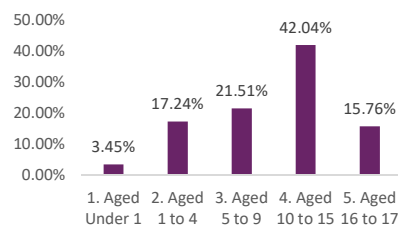
Number of Children Looked After in Walsall



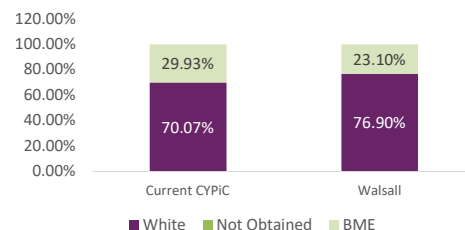
Length of Time placed at home on full care orders



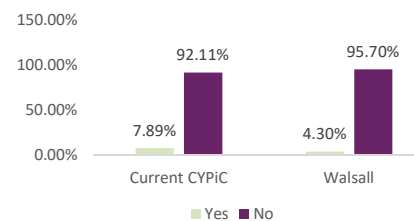
% of current CLA by age



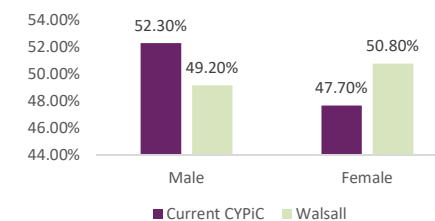
Ethnicity Comparison



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 remains stable and has ranged between 601 and 612 in the last 6 months. The current rate per 10,000 brings us below our statistical neighbours but still considerably higher than the 2017/18 England and West Midlands averages. We currently have 62 children placed at home on full care order with 37 of these placed at home for over a year, work on this will continue to try to bring the figure down. There have been a number of children who have recently returned home on full care orders as part of their permanence plan for them to return to their parents on a permanent basis and revocations of their care orders will be sought in due course.

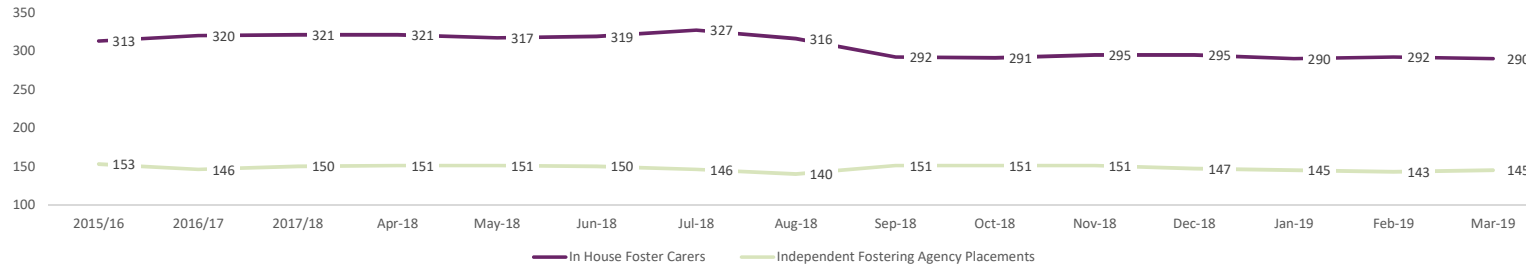
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CLA Placement Analysis

Breakdown of Foster Placements



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



% CLA placed 20 mile+ from home

12.90%

2017/18 = 14.0%
2016/17 = 14.9%
2015/16 = 13.6%

% CLA 3 or more placements in a year

8.00%

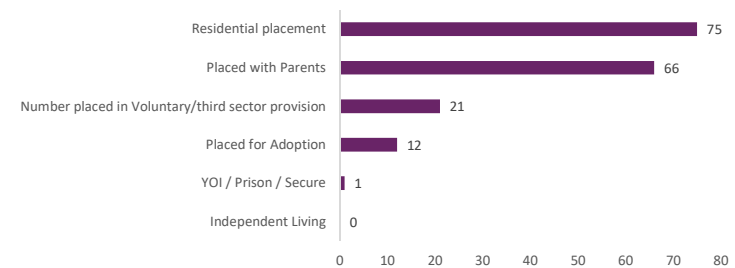
2017/18 Walsall = 6.0%
2017/18 West Midlands = 11.0%
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 9.2%

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

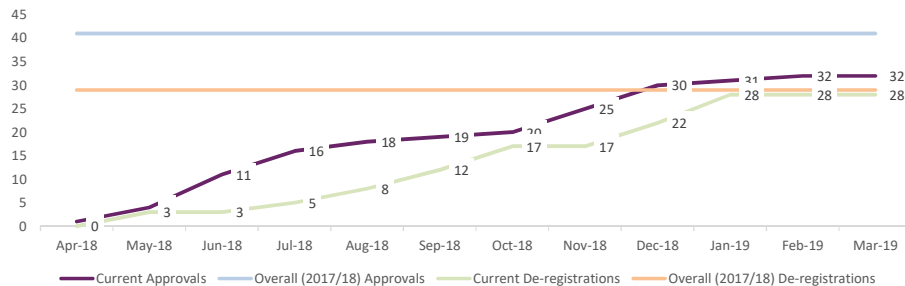
59.50%

2017/18 Walsall = 70.0%
2017/18 West Midlands = 68.0%
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 69.9%

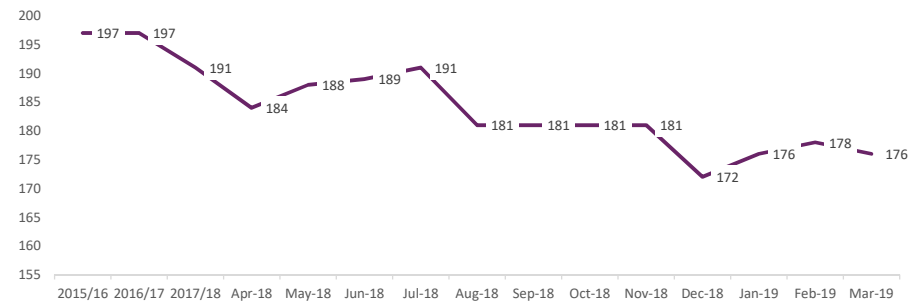
Current CLA by Placement Type (non-fostered)



Approvals & De-registrations (rolling month total)



In House Foster Carer Households



Trends for placement with in-house foster carers remains stable as does the independent fostering agency placements. The number of approvals and de-registrations for in-house foster carers has remained stable over the last few months, however the in house foster carer households has been inconsistent throughout the year, this is a measure of fostercare's regardless of how many children they have placed with them, in March there were 290 children placed in 176 households.

Nearly 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. 75 of Walsall's CLA are placed in a residential setting these include children's home, residential accommodation, residential home or NHS/Health establishment providing medical or nursing care.

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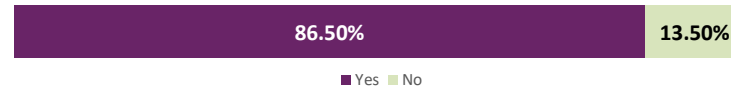
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Statutory Visits and Reviews



% Visits undertaken to timescale

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



2017/18 Year Out-turn = 88%
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 79%



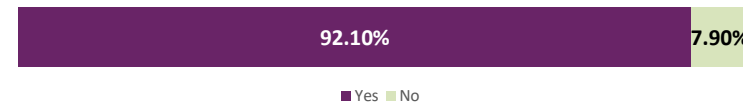
Time Since Last Visit Undertaken	Number
a) 0 - 6 weeks	472
b) 6 - 12 weeks	85
c) 12 - 18 weeks	21
d) 18+ weeks	19
Unknown	13
Total	610

% Time since last visits undertaken



Reviews carried out within timescale

Where reviews for children looked after are carried out within timescale

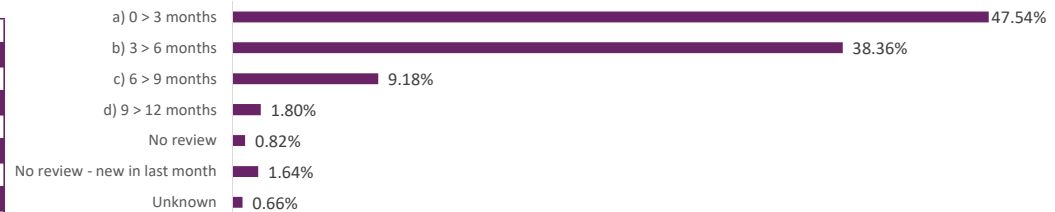


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 90%
2016/17 Year Out-turn = 83%



Time Since Latest Review	Number
a) 0 > 3 months	290
b) 3 > 6 months	234
c) 6 > 9 months	56
d) 9 > 12 months	11
No Review	5
No review - new in last month	10
Unknown	4
Total	610

% Time Since Latest Review



The number of CLA where a statutory visit has been undertaken to timescale in accordance with the child's plan is at 86.5%, with 77.38% seen within the first 6 weeks. At the end of March, 6.5% (40) children had not been seen for 12 weeks or more.

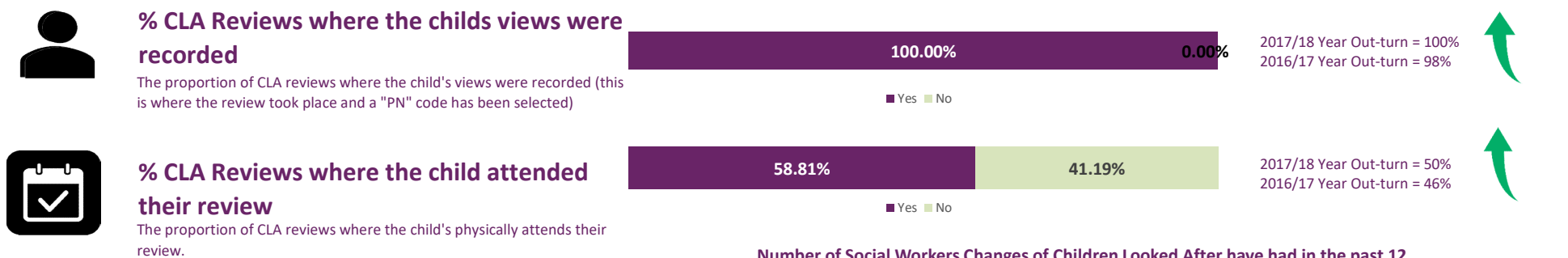
92.1% of reviews have been undertaken within timescale this is higher than the 2017/18 out-turn of 90%. of the current Children looked after 85.9% have had a reviews within the last 6 months. 11% (67) children currently have overdue reviews.

Where the time since the last visit or review is currently unknown, this is being looked into to ensure all required data is recorded correctly on systems.

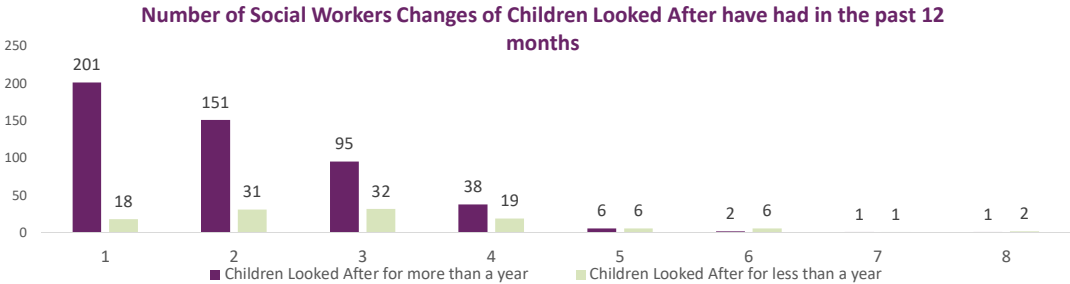
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Statutory Visits and Reviews



Type of Participation at Review	Number
PN0 - child under 4 at time of review	313
PN1 - child attends and speaks for themselves	737
PN2 - child attends and an advocate speaks for them	28
PN3 - child attends and conveys their views non-verbally	3
PN4 - child attends; does not speak for themselves / convey their views	23
PN5 - child does not attend but asks advocate to speak for them	109
PN6 - child does not attend but conveys their feelings to the conference	394
PN7 - child does not attend nor conveys their view to the conference	51
Review did not take place or Review Step Incomplete	178



All children and young people have had the opportunity to express their views prior to their review, however, positively, the percentage of children who have physically attended their review continues to increase. In 2018/19 58.8% of children attended their review, this is higher than the out-turn of 50% in 2017/18. More reviews have been undertaken this year where the child physically attends and speaks for themselves. As the number of children looked after and workforce becomes more stable the number of children changing social workers continues to decrease, the number of CLA who have remained with the same social worker for the past 12 months is 201 compared with 139 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

KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Walsall - CLA	48%	48%	48%	48%
Walsall 2018	74%	72%	77%	61%
West Midlands 2018	74%	73%	77%	62%
Stat Neighbours 2018	72%	71%	75%	60%
England 2018	76%	75%	78%	64%
KS4	% achieving 9-5 pass in english and maths	% achieving 9-4 pass in english and maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8
Walsall - CLA	11%	17%	23%	-0.6%
Walsall 2018	36%	57%	44%	-0.2%
West Midlands 2018	39%	61%	45%	-0.1%
Stat Neighbours 2018	37%	59%	43%	-0.2%
England 2018	40%	59%	44%	-0.1%
Ofsted Rated Schools		Exclusions**		
No Students Attending Good or Outstanding Schools	80%	Atleast one fixed term Exclusion	8%	

* NOTE THE EPEP SYSEYEM WENT LIVE IN SEPTEMBER 2018



CLA with an up to date ePEP

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

The number of ePEP's completed for march is 25.8% however this is likely to increase when data has been back dated onto the system. The figure for Q4 is 50.2% completion. The percentage of ePEP's that have been rated as outstanding as at for March 2019 is 10.3%, 46.2% were rated as good and 43.6% require improvement.

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

3.9%

West Midlands - 4.1%
Statistical Neighbours - 4.11%
England - 4.30%

CLA Persistent

9.3%

West Midlands - 9.30%
Statistical Neighbours - 9.3%
England - 10%

CLA Unauthorised

1.2%

West Midlands - 0.9%
Statistical Neighbours - 1.10%
England - 1.20%

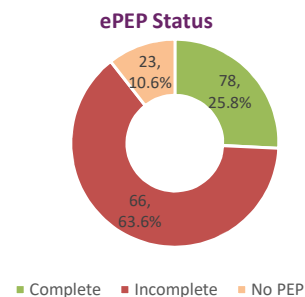
*Pupils enrolments missing 10 or more of their own possible sessions (due to authorised or unauthorised absence are classified as persistent absentees.

**There have been no permanent exclusions

ePEP's - Completed - All ages

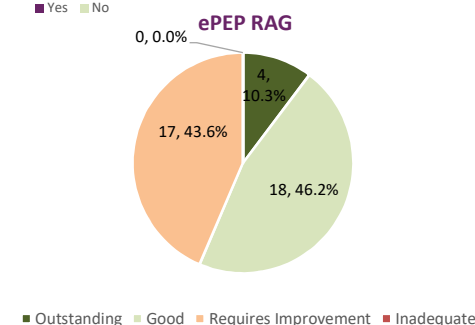


ePEP Status



■ Yes ■ No

ePEP RAG



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Health and Well-being



% Initial Health Check Completed in Timescale

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



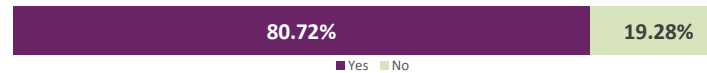
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 63%

2016/17 Year Out-turn = 81%



% of CLA with Up to Date Health Assessments

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



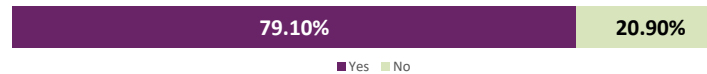
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 77%

2016/17 Year Out-turn = 85%



% with an up to dental check

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months



2017/18 Year Out-turn = 82%

2016/17 Year Out-turn = 85%



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 as at the end of March.

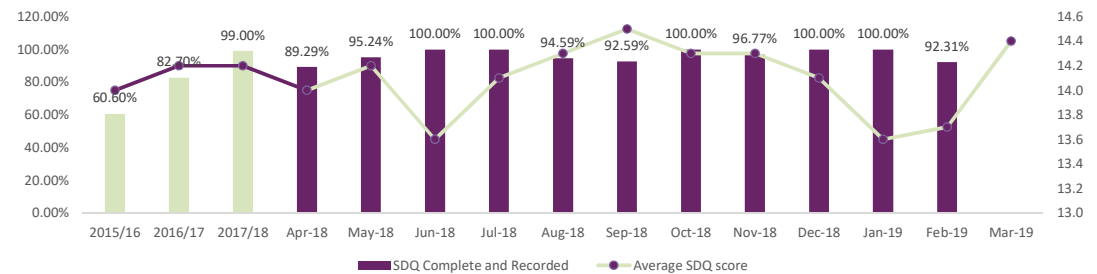
Current Average SDQ Score

14.4

Breakdown

		Number	% of those eligible for an SDQ	% against all Children Looked After
Score 0 - 13	Considered Normal	145	50%	23.8%
Score 14 - 16	Borderline	36	12%	5.9%
Score 17 - 40	Cause for Concern	111	38%	18.3%

SDQ's (% Completed)



The percentage of children looked after with an initial health check completed in timescale continues to improve and is higher than last years out turn, while Dental checks are slightly below last years out turn. It is anticipated that this will increase as data continues to be loaded onto systems. 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, to ensure that children and young people receive their assessments on time.

The proportion of SDQ's completed and recorded has fluctuated throughout the year but has not gone under 90% since April 2018 the current figure is 92.3% but this is likely to increase slightly as data continues to be loaded onto systems. The current average SDQ score is 14.4 this is the second highest its been all year. 111 children currently have an SDQ score which indicates that the answers they gave to the questionnaire suggests that there is cause for concern in their emotional and mental well-being.

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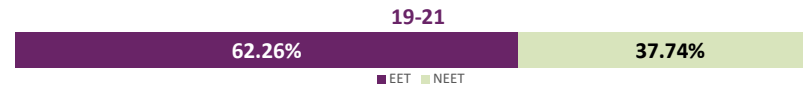
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Care Leavers aged 17-21



Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training

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

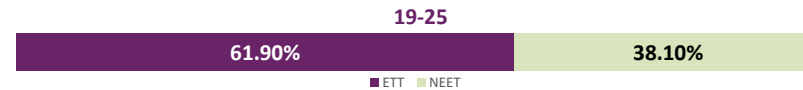


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%
2017/18 West Midlands = 50%



Care Leaver 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)

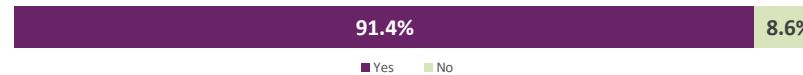


2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 49%
2017/18 England = 51%



Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

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

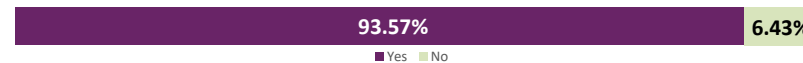


2017/18 Year Out-turn = 86%
2017/18 West Midlands = 84%
2017/18 Stat Neighbours = 89%
2017/18 England = 84%



Care Leaver in touch

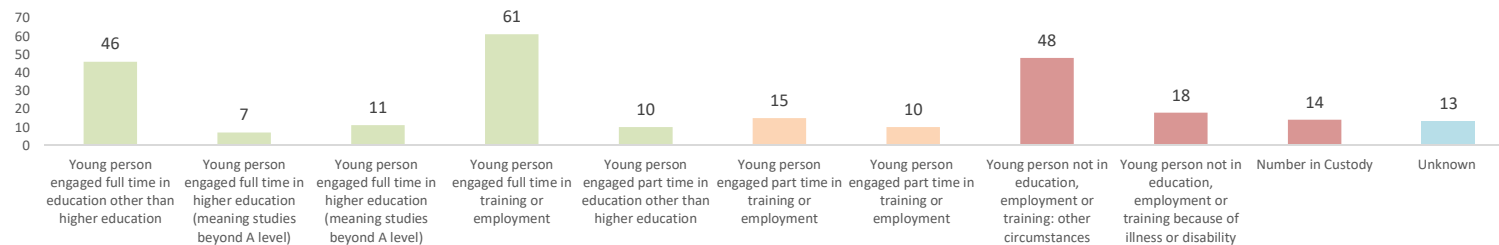
Care Leavers where the local authority is in touch aged 19-21



2017/18 Year Out-turn = 96%
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 and training across both the 19-21 and 19-25 cohorts continues to improve and is at 62% for both cohorts with both above last years out turns. 80.5% of care leavers are available to work this excludes those not available for the labour market (NALM) this will exclude care leavers who are ill or have a disability, pregnant/young mother or in custody. 14 of Walsall's care leavers are currently in custody we do not currently know the EET status of 13 care leavers who are not currently in touch with the LA. Care Leavers in suitable accommodation continues to remain stable and is at 89.1%. Care leavers in touch is currently at 93.5% this is slightly below the 2018 out turn of 96%.

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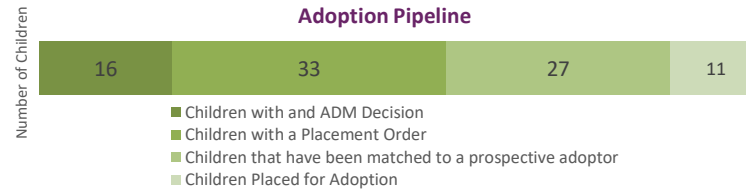
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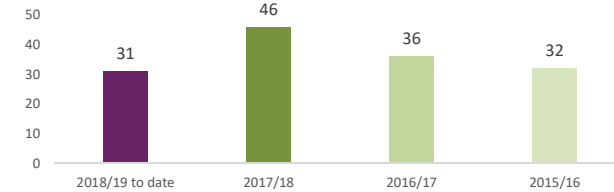
Adoption and Permanency



Adoption Pipeline



Number of adoptions

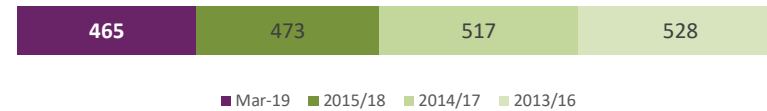


A1 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

Rolling average (Single Year)

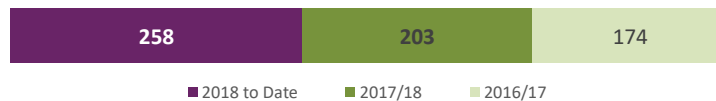


3 year rolling average

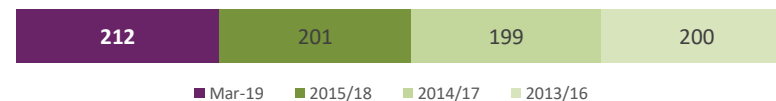


A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match

Rolling average (Single Year)

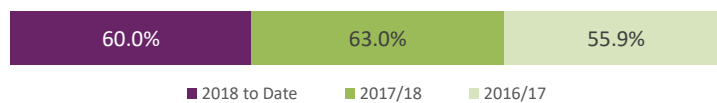


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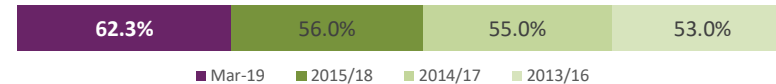


A3 - % Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

Rolling average (Single Year)



3 year rolling average



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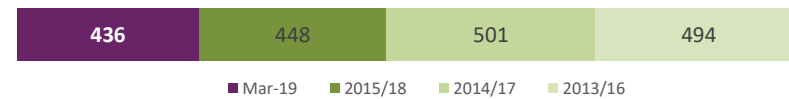


A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

Rolling average (Single Year)



3 year rolling average

Special Guardianship Orders
2018-19

40

Special Guardianship Orders
2017-18

31

Special Guardianship Orders 2016-
17

23

Special Guardianship Orders 2015-
16

24

Residence Orders 2018-19

0

Residence Orders 2017-18

0

Residence Orders 2016-17

0

Residence Orders 2015-16

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In 2018/19 31 children have been adopted and there are currently 87 children in the adoption 'pipeline'. The rolling average for the average length of time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family is currently 465 days this is a slight decrease on the 3 year rolling average out-turn from 2018 which was 473. Current children are waiting slight longer in 2019 than in 2018 between receiving court authority to place and finding a match - this is current at 212 days. 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. 40 Children have ceased to be looked after due to special guardianship orders this is higher than the last 3 years.