

Walsall Children's Services Corporate Parenting Board November 2020 - Q2 (Jul 20 - Sept 20)

Please Note: where there is an 2019/20 outturn, these are subject to change on the publication of the statutory returns.

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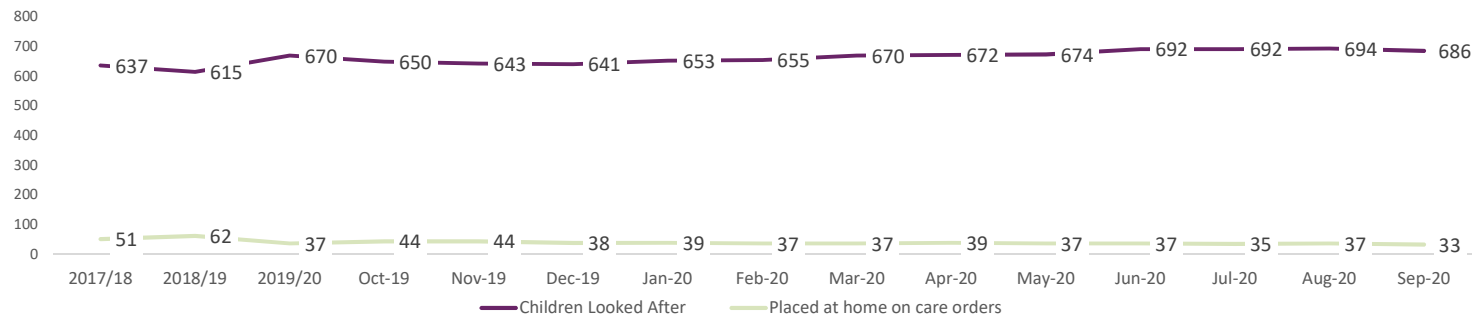
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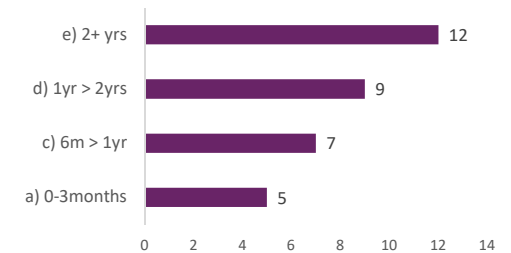
Current Children Looked After (CLA) Profile



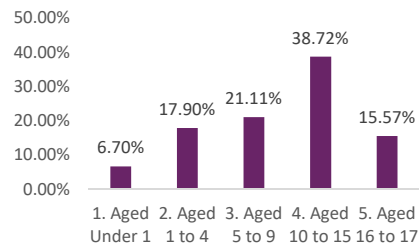
Number of Children Looked After in Walsall (12 Month Rolling)



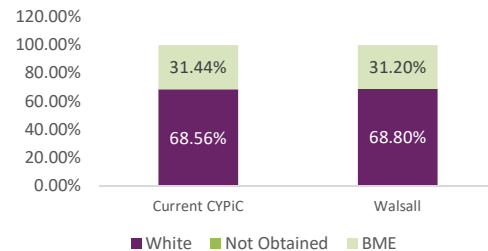
Length of Time placed at home on full care orders



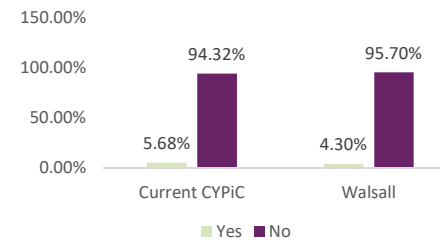
% of current CLA by age



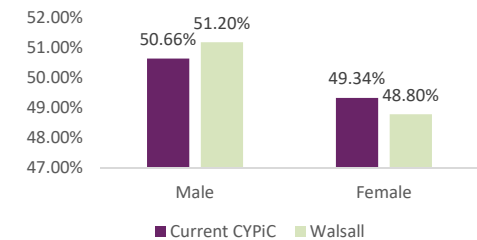
Ethnicity Comparison



Disability Comparison



Gender Comparison



Demographic data has been taken from the 2019 mid-year population estimates. A slightly lower 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 begun to decrease slightly from 691 at the end of Q1 to 686 at the end of Q2. The current rate of 99 per 10,000 remains below that of our statistical neighbours but is still considerably higher than the 2018/19 England and West Midlands averages. We currently have 33 children placed at home on full care order, this has decreased from 35 at the end of quarter 1. 21 of the 33 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.

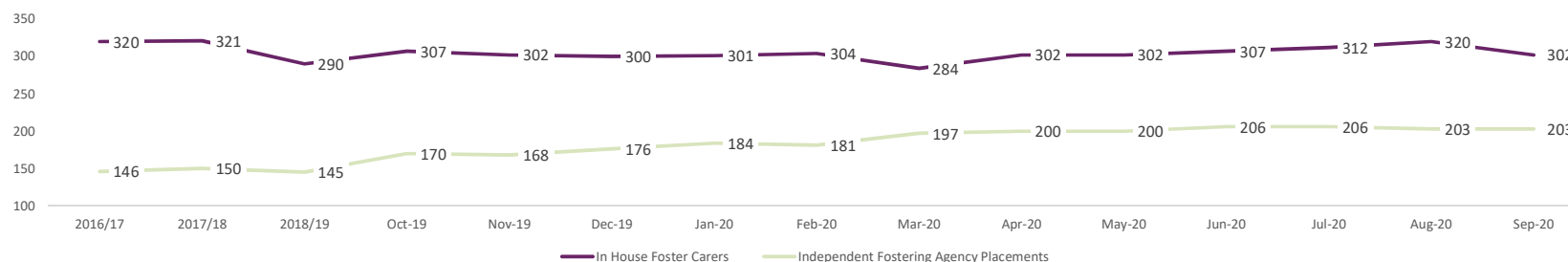
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CLA Placement Analysis

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

102
15.1%

Walsall 2018/19 = 11.9%
2018/19 West Midlands = 14.0%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 17.56%

% CLA 3 or more placements in a year

65
9.5%

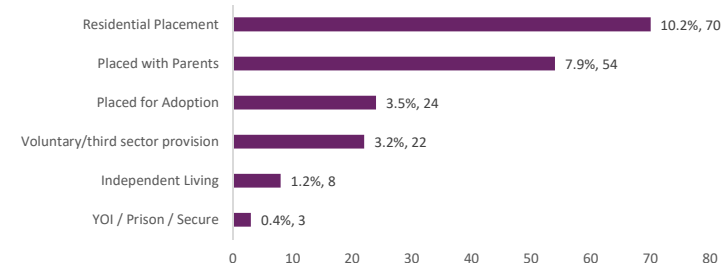
2018/19 Walsall = 7.0%
2018/19 West Midlands = 10.0%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 9.6%

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

204
58.6%

2018/19 Walsall = 68.0%
2018/19 West Midlands = 68.0%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 70.6%

Current CLA by Placement Type (non-fostered)



Trends for placements with in house foster carers have remained consistent throughout the reporting period, despite a dip during March 2020. Currently Walsall has 302 in house foster carers. The figure is a decrease from 307 at the end of quarter 1, although the figure rose to 320 during August 2020, the highest figure during the last 12 months. Walsall has 203 independent fostering agency placements. This figure has seen an increasing trend during the last 12 months and is higher than the 2018-19 outturn of 145.

Just over 15% of Walsall's CLA are placed 20 plus miles from their home address and 9.5% of the CLA population have had 3 or more placements within a year. Both figures have increased compared to the 2018-19 outturn, but are lower than Statistical Neighbour averages for the same period. However, the figure for CLA places 20+ miles away from home is now higher than the West Midlands regional average. 70 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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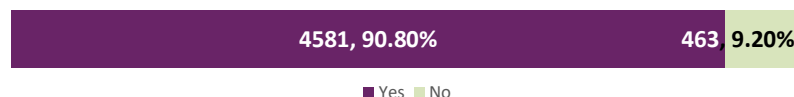
Statutory Visits and Reviews



% Visits undertaken to timescale

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

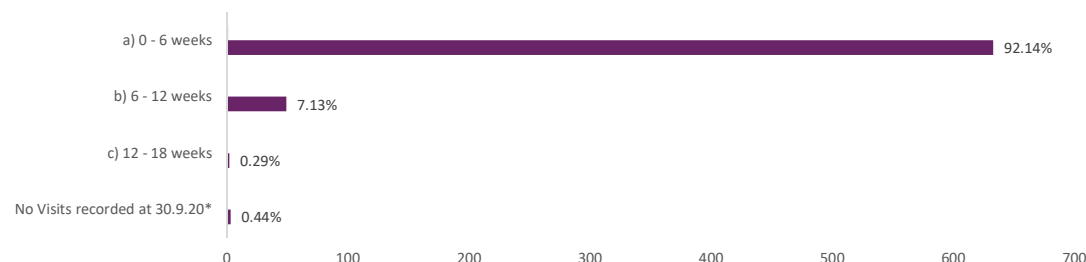
Time Since Last Visit Undertaken	Number	%
a) 0 - 6 weeks	633	92.1%
b) 6 - 12 weeks	49	7.1%
c) 12 - 18 weeks	2	0.3%
d) 18+ weeks	0	0.0%
No Visits recorded at 30.9.20*	3	0.4%
Total	687	100.0%



2019/20 Year Out-turn = 88%
 2018/19 Year Out-turn = 88%
 2017/18 Year Out-turn = 88%



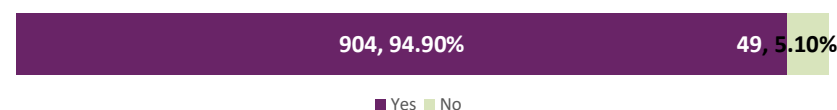
% Visits undertaken to timescale



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	413	60.1%
b) 3 > 6 months	246	35.8%
c) 6 > 9 months	19	2.8%
d) 9 > 12 months	1	0.1%
e) 1 year or more	0	0.0%
No review - new in last month	8	1.2%
Total	687	100.0%



2019/20 Year Out-turn = 90%
 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 90.8% with 92.1% seen within 6 weeks of the previous visit or coming in care. There were 3 CLA with no visits recorded at 30th September 2020

94.9% of reviews have been undertaken within timescales. This is higher than the 2018/19 out-turn of 91%. 95.9% of current children looked after have had a review within the last 6 months. 1.2% (8) children currently have overdue reviews.

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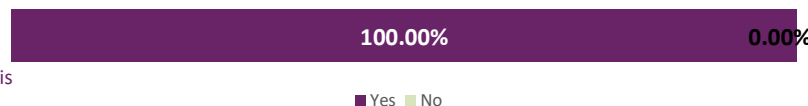
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Statutory Visits and Reviews



% CLA Reviews where the child's 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)



2019/20 Year Out-turn = 100%
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.

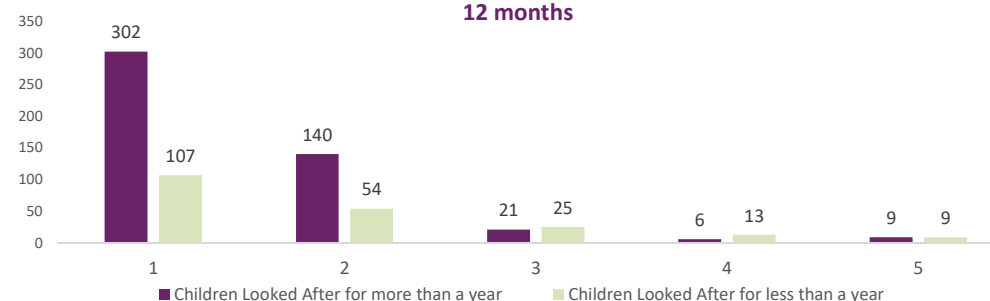


2019/20 Year Out-turn = 57%
2018/19 Year Out-turn = 58%
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 49%



Type of Participation at Review	Number	% Attended Review
PN0 - child under 4 at time of review	233	N/A
PN1 - child attends and speaks for themselves	368	57.9%
PN2 - child attends and an advocate speaks for them	6	0.9%
PN3 - child attends and conveys their views non-verbally	13	2.0%
PN4 - child attends; does not speak for themselves / convey their views	17	2.7%
PN5 - child does not attend but asks advocate to speak for them	53	8.3%
PN6 - child does not attend but conveys their feelings to the conference	166	26.1%
PN7 - child does not attend nor conveys their view to the conference	13	2.0%
Total Reviews	869	
No Participation Code Reported	0	0.0%

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



The child's views were recorded at 100% of CLA reviews. This is comparable to 2018/19 and higher than 2017/18. In 2019/20, 63.52% of children attended their review. This is higher than the out-turn of 57% in 2019/20. The number of children experiencing a change of social worker has increased slightly compared to the previous year. The number of CLA who have remained with the same social worker for the past 12 months is 302 compared with 354 during quarter 1.

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Education - Termly Data (Note 2019 is the latest published data we have, due to the covid-19 pandemic, the next release is due March 2021)

Figures highlighted are provisional				
KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Walsall Current - CLA 2019	55%	34%	55%	28%
Walsall Borough 2019	77%	70%	77%	61%
Stat Neighbours CLA 2019	56%	52%	55%	43%
England 2019 CLA	51%	49%	50%	37%
KS4	% achieving 9-5 pass in english and maths	% achieving 9-4 pass in english and maths	Attainment 8	Progress 8
Walsall - CLA - 2019	C*	18%	21.0	-0.88
Walsall Borough 2019	36%	58%	44.0	-0.11
Stat Neighbours 2019 CLA*	N/A	22%	17.12	-1.28
England 2019 CLA	7%	18%	19.2	-1.23
Ofsted Rated Schools		Exclusions		
No Students Attending Good or Outstanding Schools	EYFS	97%	Atleast one fixed term Exclusion	7.7%
	Primary	79%		
	Secondary	69%		
	Combined	75%		

* 'C' Where the data is deemed to be sensitive all figures have been replaced with the letter c (confidential). In addition, secondary suppression may be applied to preserve confidentiality.



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 that were completed at the end of the summer term 2020 was 99.0% , The percentage of ePEP's that have been rated as good in terms of quality is 69%, with 31% rated as requiring improvement. CLA overall absence, Persistent Absence and Unauthorised Absence are currently all below both Statistical neighbour and England averages. The percentage of CLA attending Good or Outstanding schools is 75%, whilst this figure rises to 97% for Early Years pupils.

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.

*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

CLA Overall Absence

3.6%

Statistical Neighbours - 4.4%

CLA Persistent Absence *

7.5%

Statistical Neighbours - 10.3%
England - 10.9%

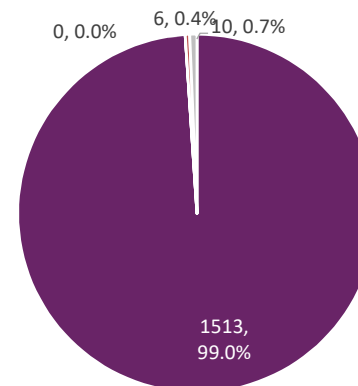
CLA Unauthorised Absence

1.1%

Statistical Neighbours - 1.4%
England - 1.4%

ePEPs

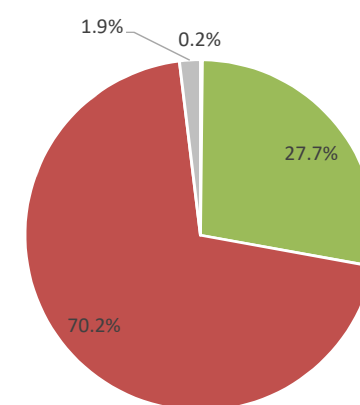
Complete/Current/Incomplete
Academic Year 2019/20



Completed Current PEP
Incomplete No PEP

ePEPs

Complete/Current/Incomplete
Autumn Term to Date



Completed Current PEP Incomplete No PEP

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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

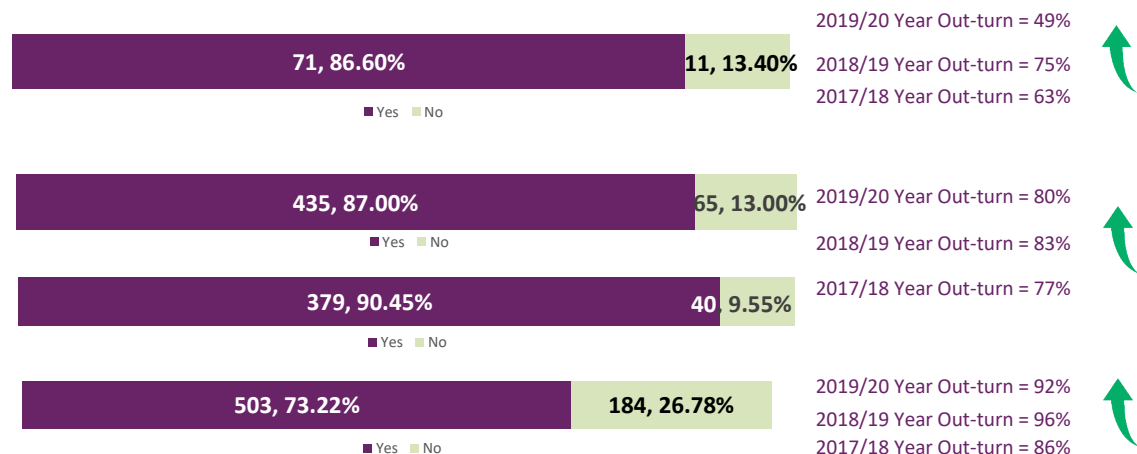
where the child is over 5 and has been looked after for over a year

Out of Borough



% of CLA with an up to date dental check

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months



Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)

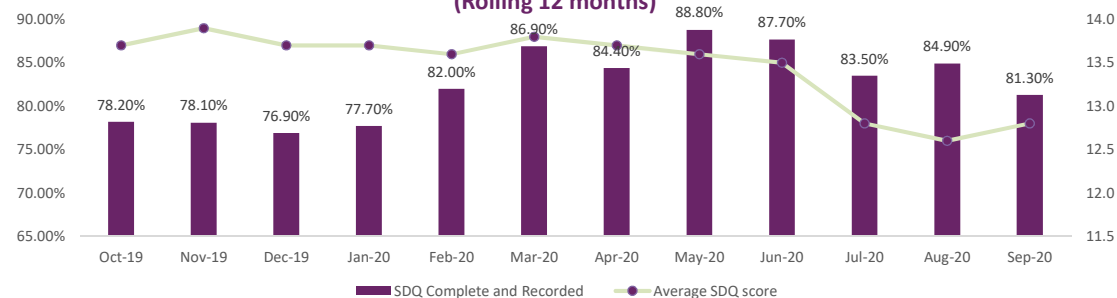
The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire should be completed for every child looked after for at least 12 months and aged 5 to 16 years-old.

Average SDQ Score
12.8

Breakdown

Score	Considered	Number	% of those eligible for an SDQ	% against all Children Looked After
Score 0 - 13	Considered Normal	171	49%	24.9%
Score 14 - 16	Borderline	43	12%	6.3%
Score 17 - 40	Cause for Concern	117	34%	17.0%

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 increased during the first two quarters of 2020-21, compared with the 2019-20 out turn. It was anticipated that this would 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 results of this began to be seen during the second half of the 2019-20 reporting period and have continued to have a positive effect during the latest quarter. The proportion of SDQ's completed and recorded has seen a decrease during quarter 2, following increases between January and June 2020. The average SDQ score is currently 12.8. This has decreased since the previous quarter, where the average SDQ score was 13.5 and is much lower than the average for quarter 2 during 2019-20 (14.0). 117 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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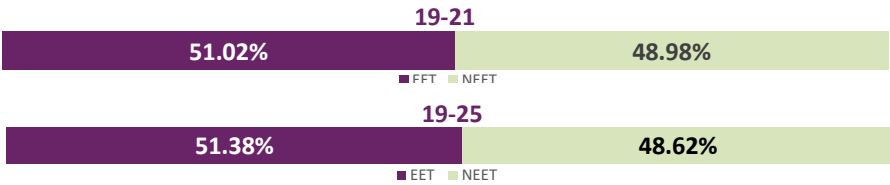
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Care Leavers aged 17-21



Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training

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

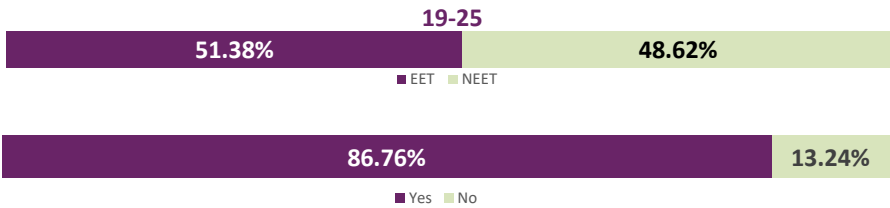


2019/20 Year Out-turn = 56%
2018/19 Year Out-turn = 63%
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%



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)

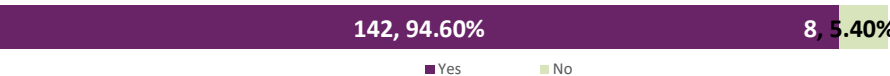


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 63%
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%
2018/19 Year Out-turn = 81%
2018/19 West Midlands = 60%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 52%
2018/19 England = 61%



Care Leavers in suitable accomodation

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

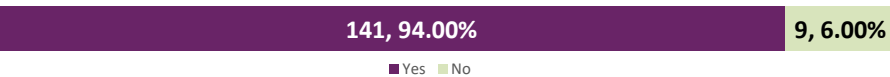


2019/20 Year Out-turn = 95%
2018/19 West Midlands = 85%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 88%
2018/19 England = 85%



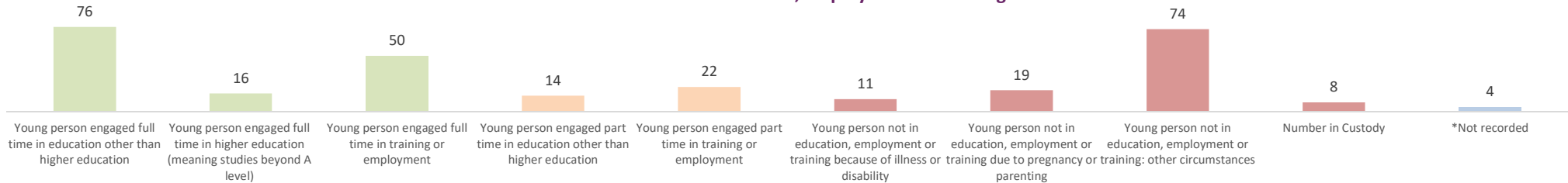
Care Leavers in touch

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



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 97%
2018/19 West Midlands = 93%
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 96%
2018/19 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 has seen a slight decrease this quarter. 51.02% care leavers aged 19-21 are in Education, Employment or Training compared to 56% for 2019-20 and 63% for Managers expect this figure to continue to decrease during quarter 3, as the government's furlough scheme comes to an end.

86.76% 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. 8 of Walsall's care leavers are currently in custody, a decrease since the end of Q1. The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation has increased to 94.6%. The proportion of care leavers in touch with the council is currently at 94.0%, which is below the 2018/19 out turn of 97%, but higher than regional and national averages for the same period.

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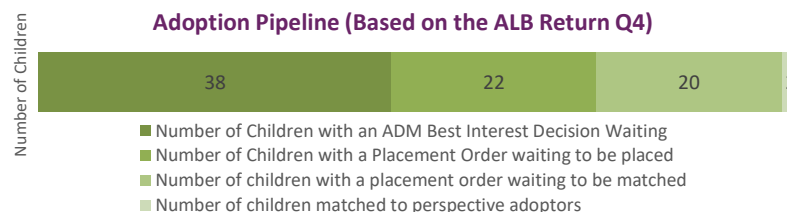
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Adoption and Permanency

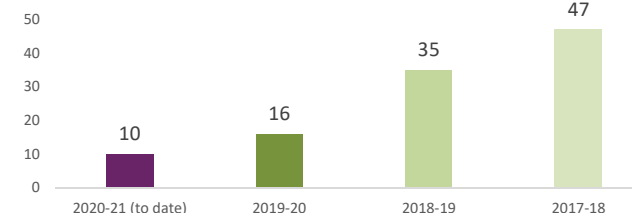


Adoption Pipeline



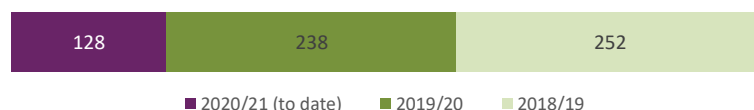
*Adoption Pipeline figures are based on the ALB return for Q4 as Q1 and Q2 has yet to be signed off as they will be sent off together due to Covid-19.

Number of adoptions (Based on the ALB return)

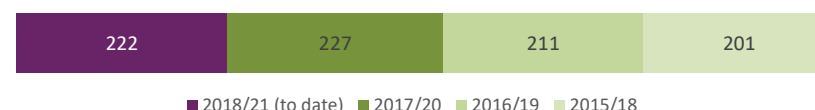


A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match

Rolling average (Single Year)

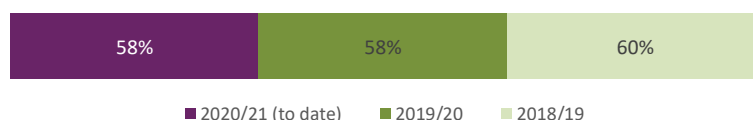


3 year rolling average

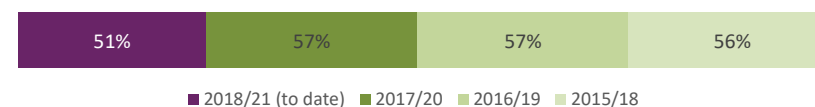


A3 - % Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family

Rolling average (Single Year)

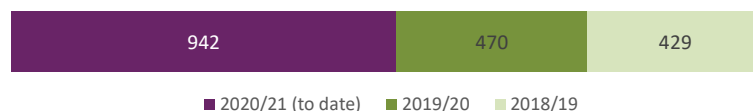


3 year rolling average

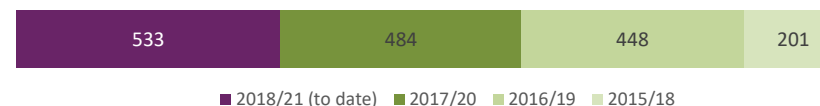


A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)

Rolling average (Single Year)



3 year rolling average



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In 2019/20, 16 were children were adopted. This is a reduction of over 50% compared with 2018/19. Children had a shorter wait in 2019/20 between receiving court authority to place and finding a match - this was 238 days compared to 252 days in 2018/19. 58% of Children wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. Between April and Sept 20 Children have ceased to be looked after due to special guardianship orders and 12 due to child arrangement orders.