

# **Walsall Children's Services Corporate Parenting Board December 2019 - Q3 (Apr 19 - Dec 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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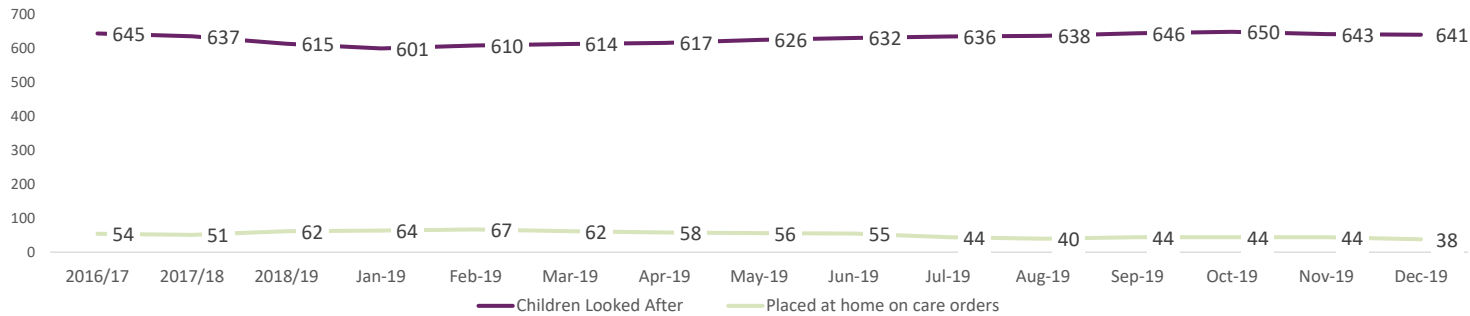
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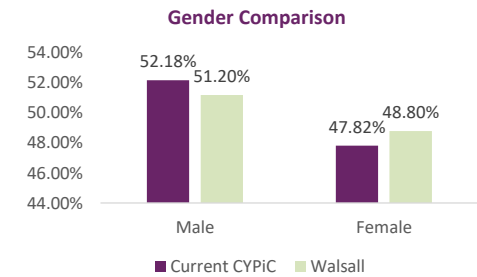
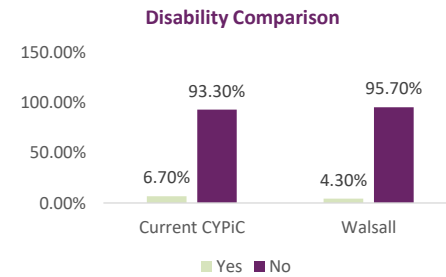
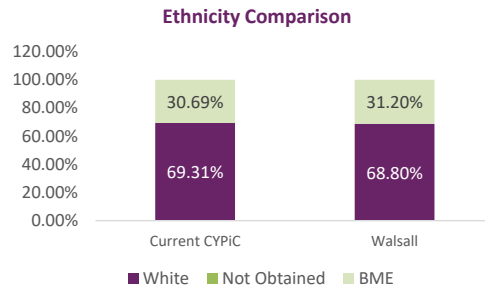
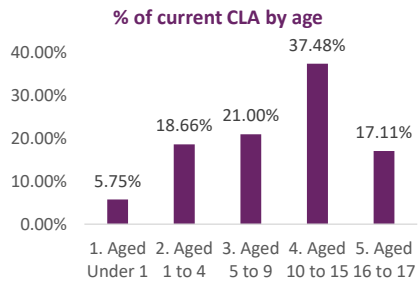
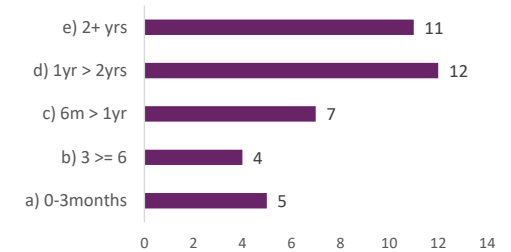
## Current Children Looked After (CLA) Profile



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



Length of Time placed at home on full care orders



Demographic data has been taken from the 2018 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 December 2019. The current rate 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 39 children placed at home on full care order, this has decreased from 55 at the end of quarter 1 2019/20. 23 of the 39 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.

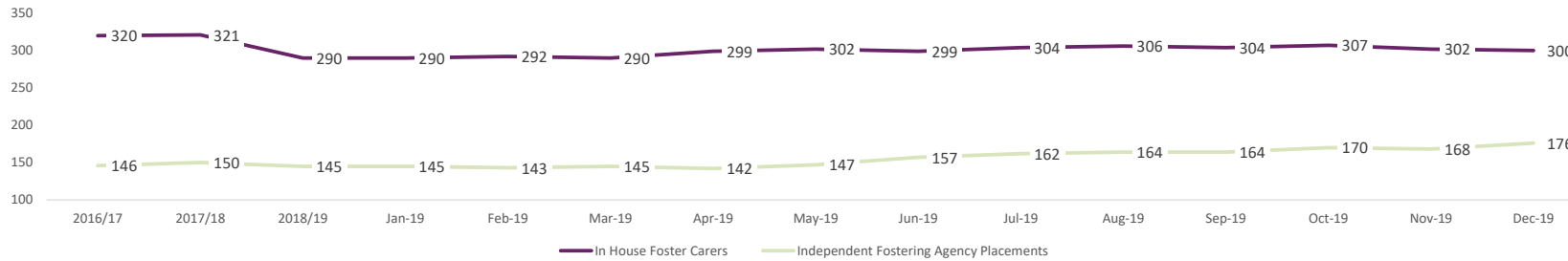
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## CLA Placement Analysis

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**  
**12.60%**

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

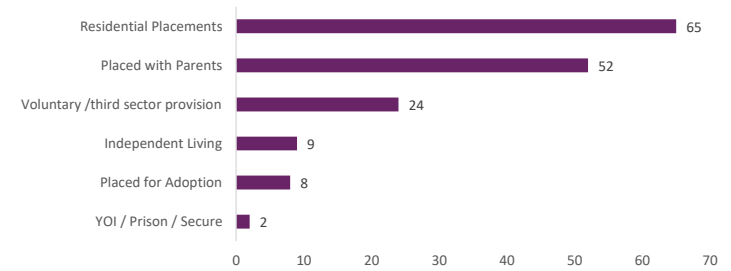
**% CLA 3 or more placements in a year**  
**7.60%**

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**  
**63.80%**

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 continue to remain strong, currently Walsall has 300 in house foster carers, this is lower than the 2017-18 figure of 321. Walsall has 176 independent fostering agency placements, this is higher than the 2017-18 outturn of 150.

Just over 12% of Walsall's CLA are placed 20 plus miles from their home address and 7.6% of the CLA population have had 3 or more placements within a year. 65 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.

Statutory Visits and Reviews

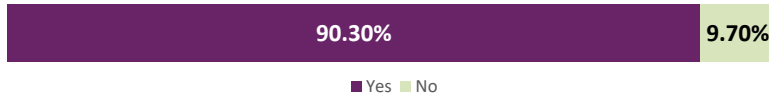


**% Visits undertaken to timescale**

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	554
b) 6 - 12 weeks	68
c) 12 - 18 weeks	9
d) 18+ weeks	5
No Visits recorded at 31.12.19	7
Total	643

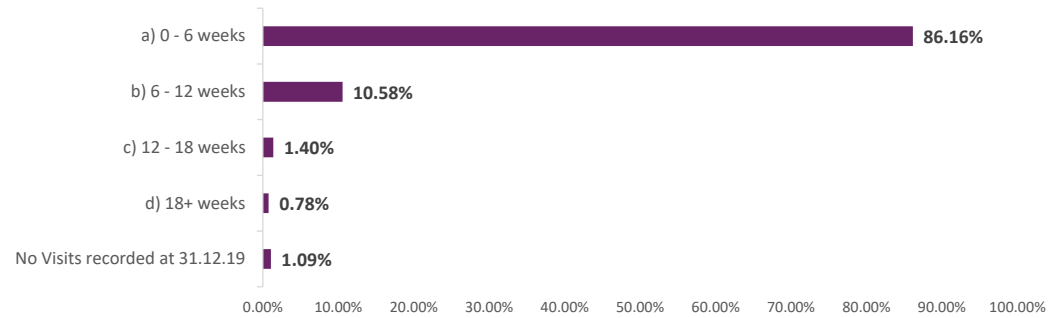
\* Of these 7, 4 visits took place in January, and will be reported in quarter 4 (January-March)



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



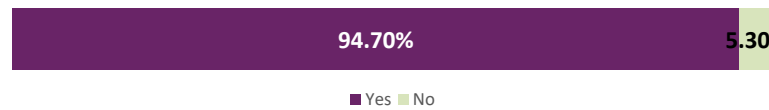
**% Time since last visits undertaken**



**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	392
b) 3 > 6 months	230
c) 6 > 9 months	6
d) 9 > 12 months	2
e) 1 year or more	0
No review - new in last month	13
Total	643



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 90.3%, with 86.2% seen within 6 weeks of the previous visit or coming in care.  
\*The 7 CLA with no visits recorded at 31st December 2019

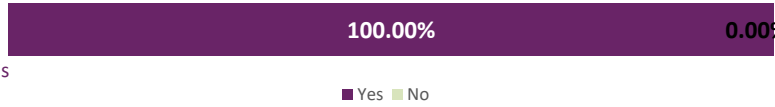
94.7% of reviews have been undertaken within timescales. This is higher than the 2018/19 out-turn of 91%. 96.7% of current children looked after have had a review within the last 6 months. 1.2% (8) children currently have overdue reviews.

**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)



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.

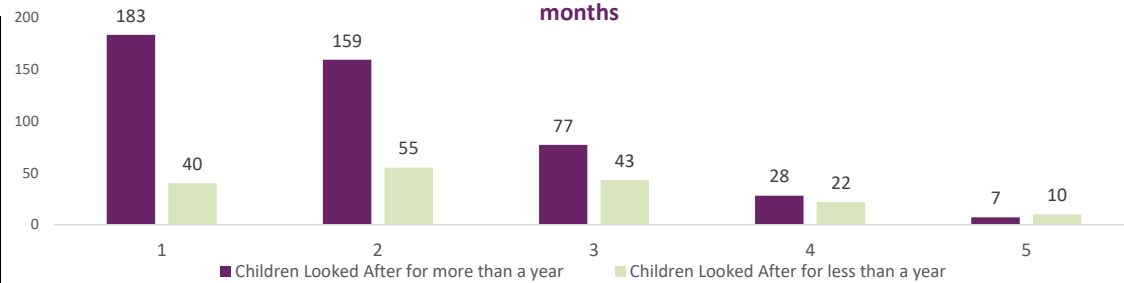


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 58%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 49%



Type of Participation at Review	Number
PN0 - child under 4 at time of review	290
PN1 - child attends and speaks for themselves	484
PN2 - child attends and an advocate speaks for them	12
PN3 - child attends and conveys their views non-verbally	6
PN4 - child attends; does not speak for themselves / convey their views	27
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	281
PN7 - child does not attend nor conveys their view to the conference	28
Total Reviews	1237
No Participation Code Reported	15

**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, 55.9% of children attended their review. This is lower than the out-turn of 58% in 2018/19. The number of children experiencing a change of social worker has increased compared to the previous year. The number of CLA who have remained with the same social worker for the past 12 months is 183 compared with 201 last year.

**Education - Termly Data**

Figures highlighted are provisional				
KS2 Expected Standard	Maths	Reading	Writing	Reading, Writing and Maths
Walsall Current - CLA 2019	54%	36%	57%	25%
Walsall Borough 2019	76%	70%	76%	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	11% (2019)	26% (2019)	21.5	-0.89
Walsall Borough 2018	36%	58%	43.8	-0.11
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	EYFS	97%	At least one fixed term Exclusion	9%
	Primary	79%		
	Secondary	69%		
	Combined	75%		

\*\* 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)

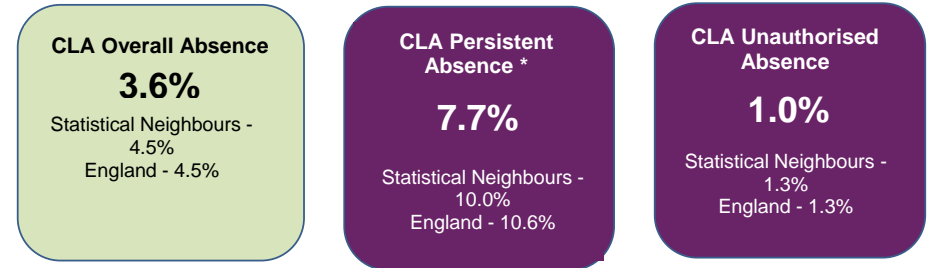
The proportion of ePEP's completed at the end of the autumn term is 92.0% , The percentage of ePEP's that have been rated as good in terms of quality is 69%, with 31% rated as requiring improvement. CLA overall absence, Persistent Absence and Unauthorised Absence are currently all below both Statistical 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.



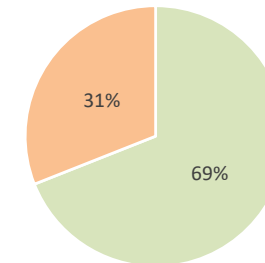
\*A pupil is classed as persistently absent if they miss 10% or more possible sessions (due to authorised or unauthorised absence)

\*\*There have been no permanent exclusions

**ePEP's - Completed - All ages**



**ePEP RAG**



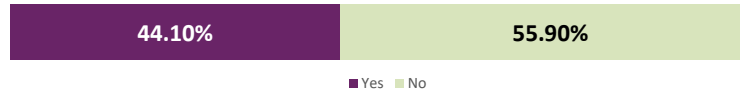
■ Outstanding ■ Good ■ Requires Improvement ■ Inadequate

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

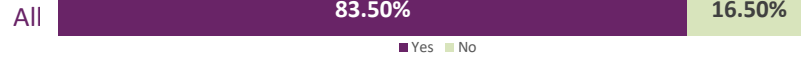


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 75%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 63%



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

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



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 83%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 77%



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

Where a dental check has been completed within 12 months



2018/19 Year Out-turn = 96%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 86%



**Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)**

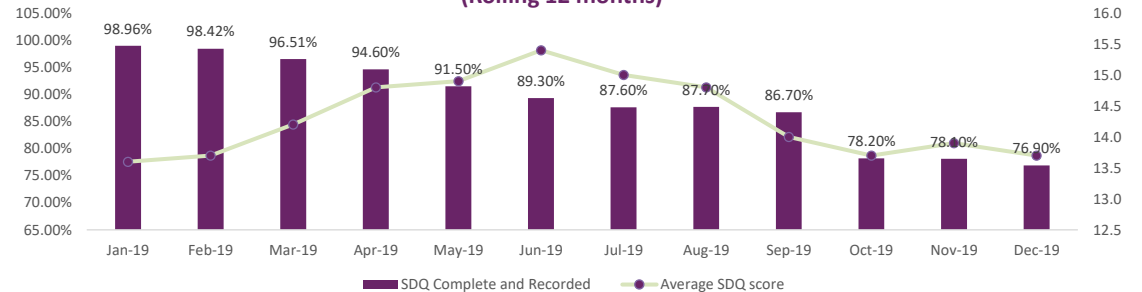
The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire should be completed for every child looked after for at least 12 months and aged 5 to 16 years-old.

Average SDQ Score  
**13.7**

**Breakdown**

Score	Category	Number	% of those eligible for an SDQ	% against all Children Looked After
Score 0 - 13	Considered Normal	123	43%	19.1%
Score 14 - 16	Borderline	33	12%	5.1%
Score 17 - 40	Cause for Concern	101	35%	15.7%

**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 76.9% of children looked after have completed an SDQ within the last 12 months and the average SDQ score is 13.7, this is lower than quarter 2 where the average SDQ score was 14.0. Work is being undertaken to understand the decrease in the SDQ's being completed and recorded. 104 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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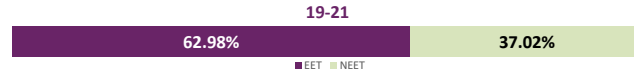
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**Care Leavers aged 17-21**



**Care Leavers in Education, Employment or Training**

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

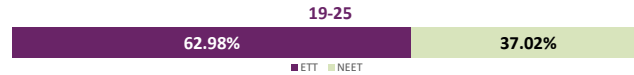


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 63%  
2017/18 Year Out-turn = 57%



**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)

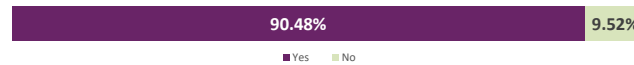


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**Care Leavers in suitable accomodation**

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

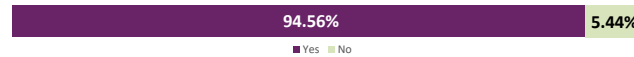


2018/19 Year Out-turn = 90%  
2018/19 West Midlands = 85%  
2018/19 Stat Neighbours = 88%  
2018/19 England = 85%



**Care Leavers in touch**

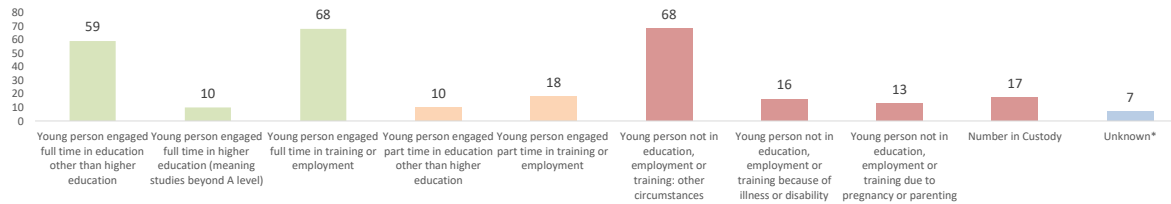
Care Leavers where the local authority is in touch aged 19-21



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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 is in line with last years out turn. 83.86% 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. 17 of Walsall's care leavers are currently in custody. The proportion of care leavers in suitable accommodation remains stable at 90.5%. The proportion of care leavers in touch with the council is currently at 94.6%, which is below the 2018/19 out turn of 97%.

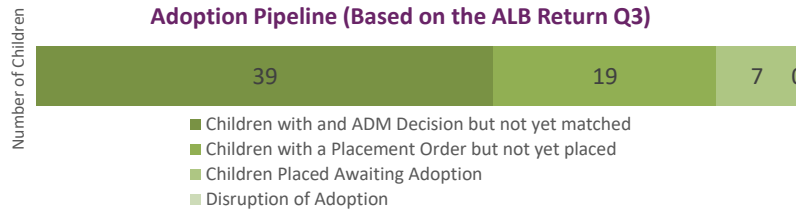
\* Of the 7 care leavers with a status of 'Unknown', there are 4 Qualifying children and young people over the age of 17 who are no longer looked after. "Qualifying" young people have returned to the care of their parents for a continuous period of more than 6 months, or have special guardians or were privately fostered. Many do not require a service and there is limited information known about them.



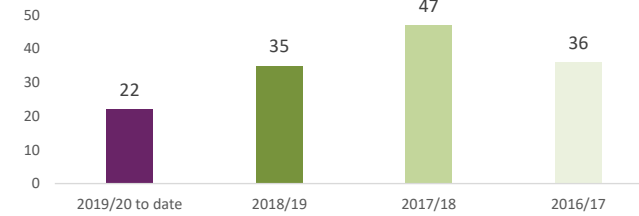
**Adoption and Permanency**



**Adoption Pipeline**

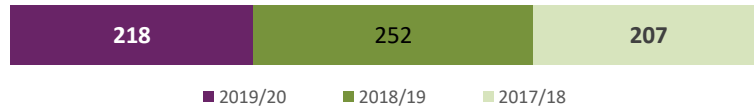


**Number of adoptions (Based on the ALB return)**

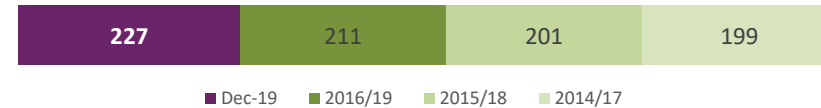


**A2 - Average time between receiving court authority to place and finding a match**

**Rolling average (Single Year)**

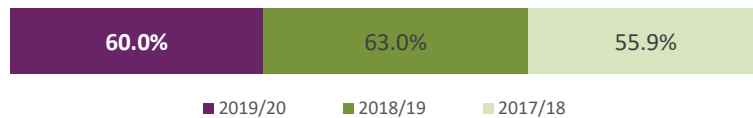


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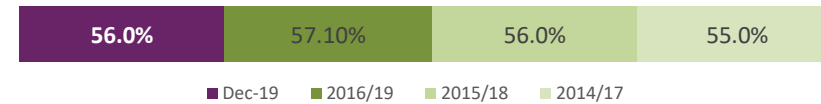


**A3 - % Children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family**

**Rolling average (Single Year)**

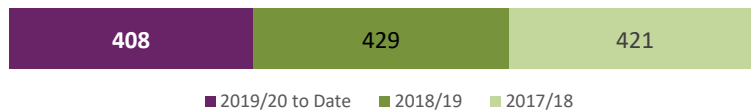


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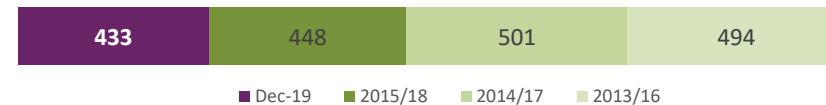


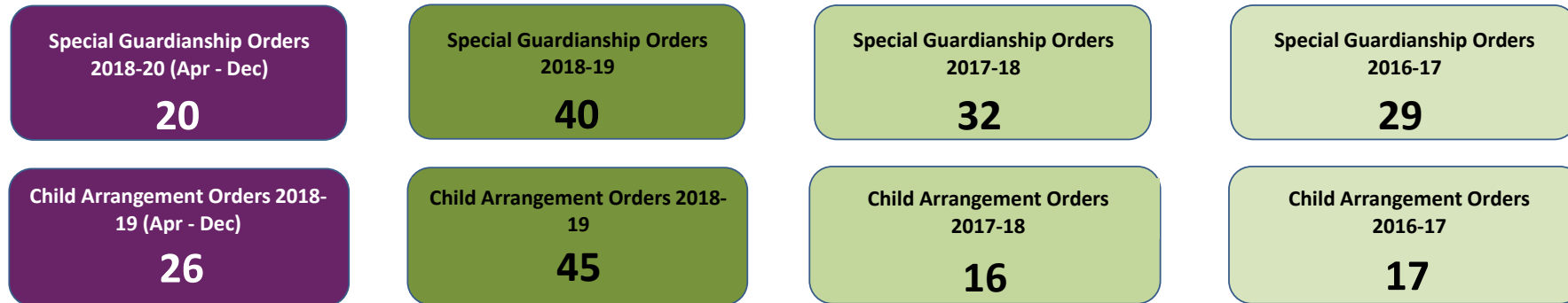
**A10 - Average time between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (stopped at point of fostering for foster carers adoptions)**

**Rolling average (Single Year)**



**3 year rolling average**



**Adoption and Permanency**

In 2018/19 35 were children were adopted. 22 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 227 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 December, 20 Children have ceased to be looked after due to special guardianship orders and 26 due to child arrangement orders.