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WEST YORKSHIRE

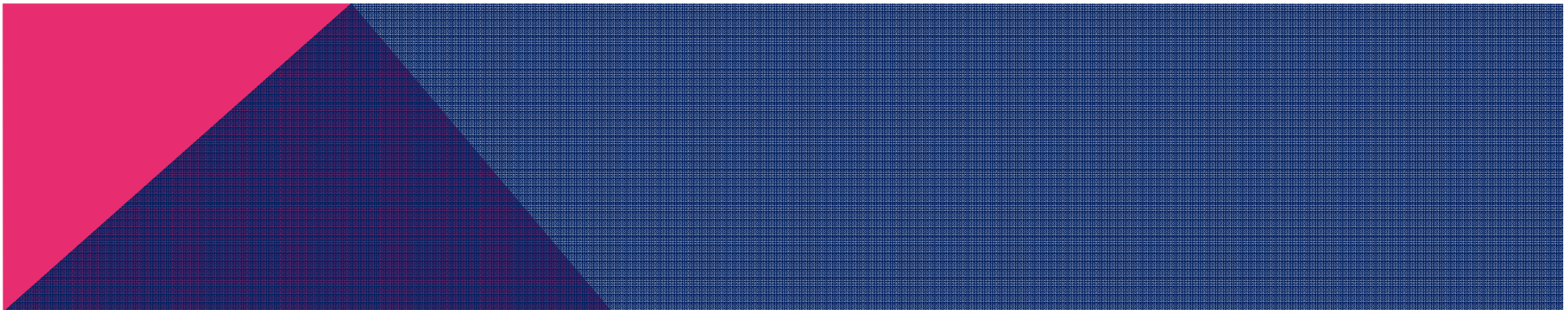
A BASELINE ANALYSIS

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INTRODUCTION



This baseline analysis covers the financial years between 2013-14 and 2015-16, and provides a sense of the direction of travel for adoption and associated processes within the five local authorities before 01 April 2017, when One Adoption Agency West Yorkshire was established.



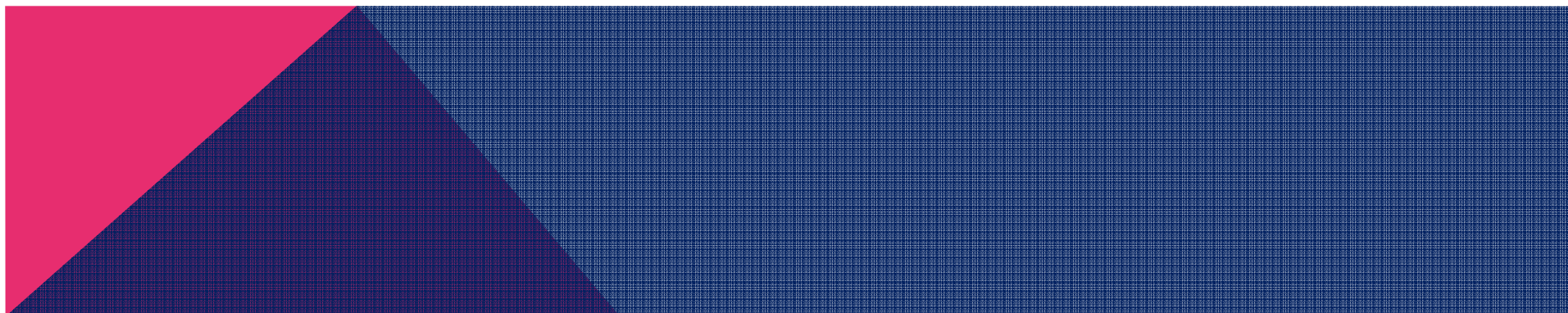
PROSPECTIVE ADOPTERS' PROGRESS THROUGH THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Fewer applications, approvals, and matches

The number of adopter applications halved in 2015-16 compared to the previous year. A reduction was seen through all stages of the adoption process over the same period, but not at the same attrition rate as applications.

	Number of applications		Approved		Matched		Placed		Adopted	
	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16
Bradford	22	18	65	18	50	25	55	25	45	45
Calderdale	31	9	31	29	10	..	5	..	5	..
Kirklees	61	20	43	23	15	20	15	25	20	20
Leeds	90	41	64	58	60	60	65	60	70	65
Wakefield	17	17	20	17	5	..	5	..	10	..
West sub-region	221	105	223	145	140	105	145	110	150	130

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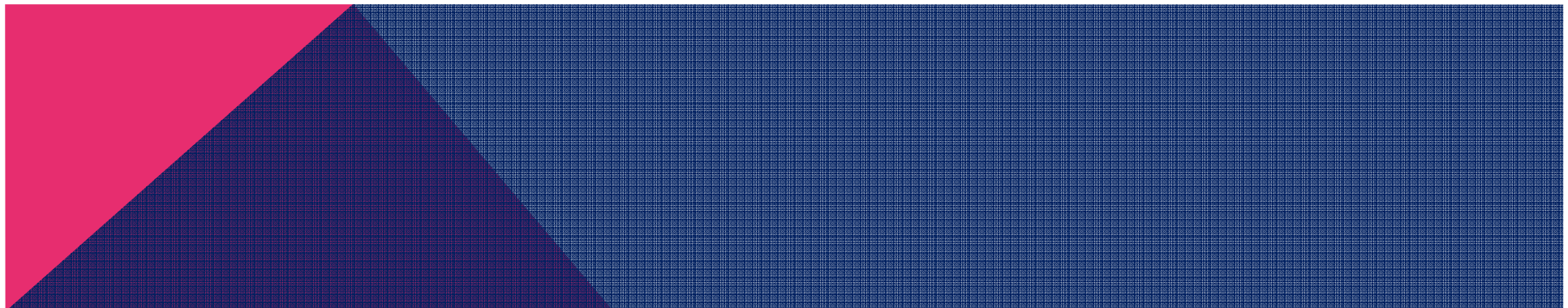
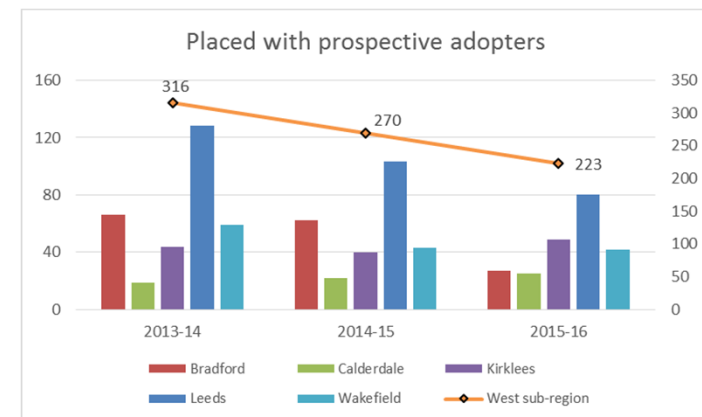
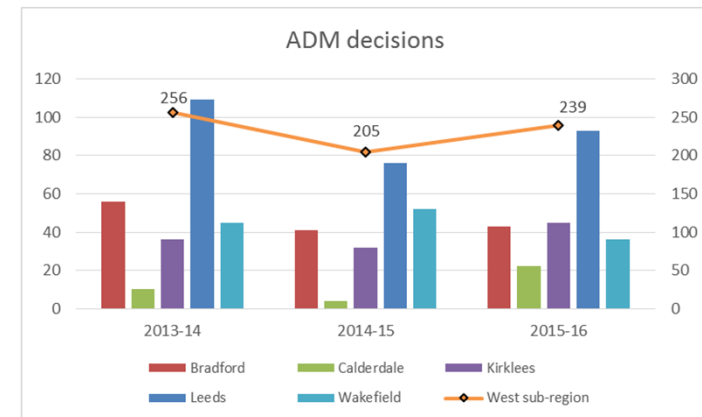


DECISION MAKING

A reduction in ADM and placements

The number of ADM decisions has reduced by 6.5 per cent in three years.

In the same period, there has been an even more marked reduction (29 per cent) in children being placed with prospective adopters.

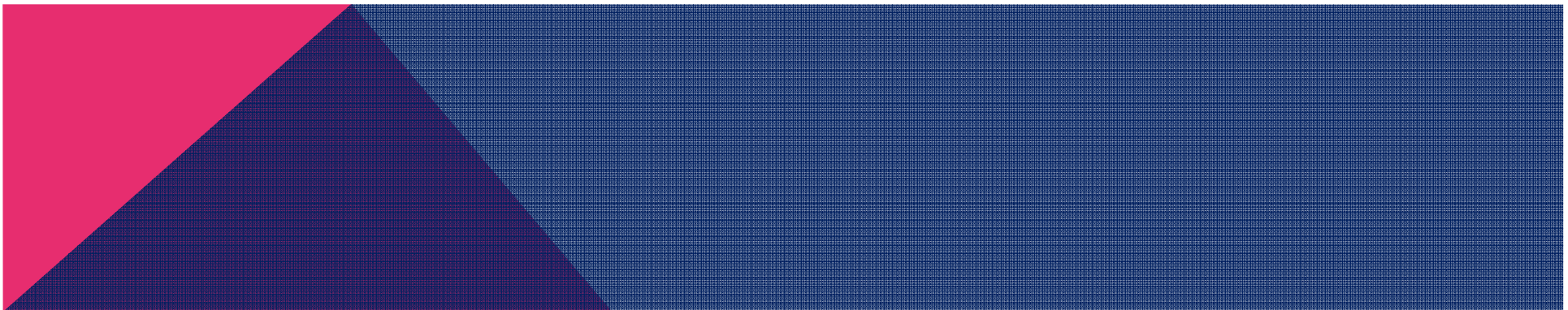
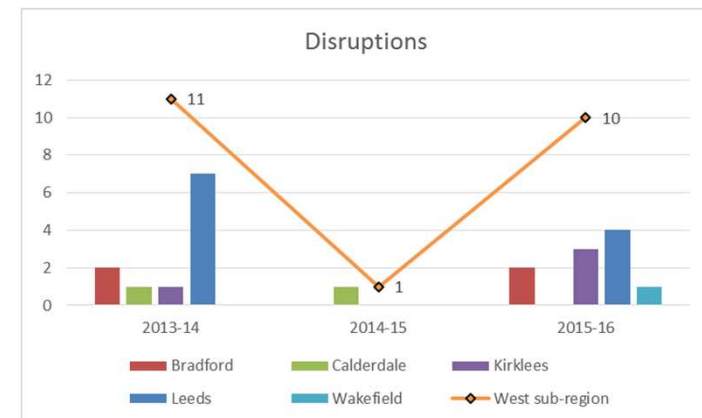
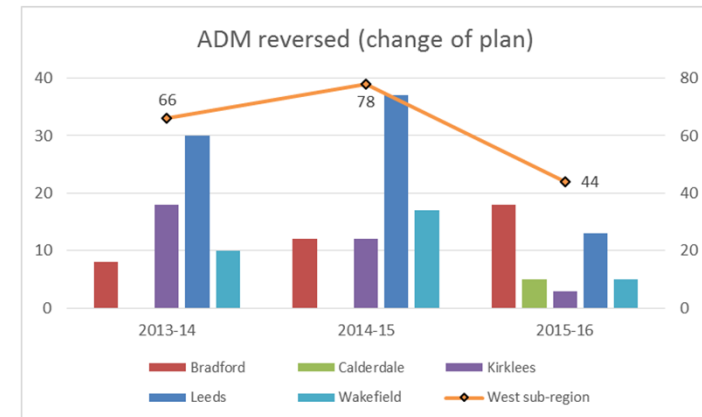


REVERSALS AND DISRUPTIONS

Fewer reversals; disruptions stable

The number of ADM decisions reversed is a third lower in 2015-16 than in 2013-14, although there was a rise in 2014-15.

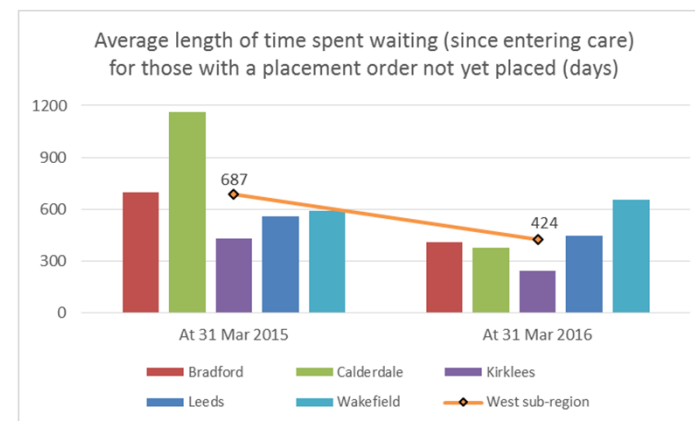
Disruptions in 2015-16 were at the same level as in 2013-14. In 2014-15 there was only one disruption. Data for 2016-17 will help indicate if there is a longer term trend.



CHILDREN IN THE ADOPTION PROCESS

Less waiting for children to be placed

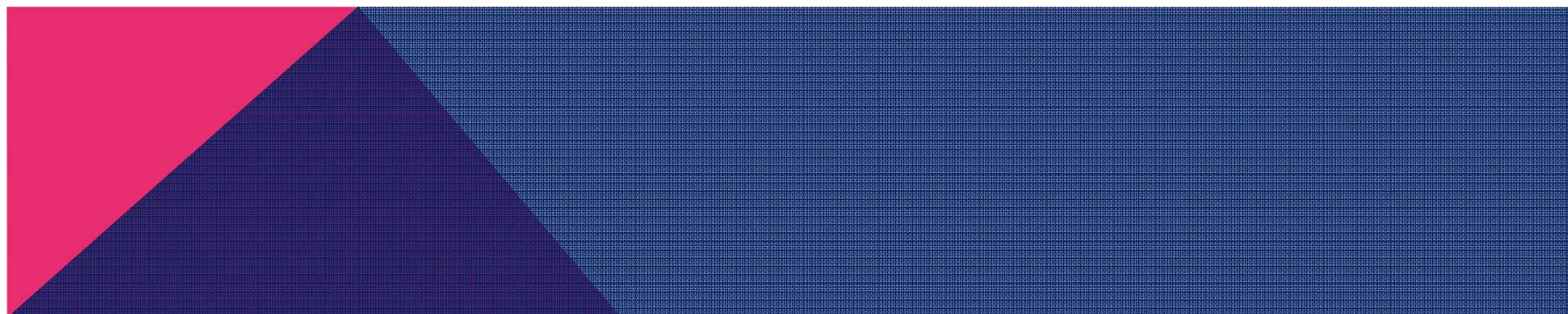
Fewer children are being held up within the adoption process, and the average length of time children wait to be placed reduced by 263 days in one year.



	With a decision not yet placed		With a placement order not yet placed			With a placement order not yet placed (18 months or more since entering care)	
	At 31 Mar 2015	At 31 Mar 2016	At 31 Mar 2014	At 31 Mar 2015	At 31 Mar 2016	At 31 Mar 2015	At 31 Mar 2016
Bradford	45	30	63	26	16	15	x
Calderdale	20	..	52	21	6	20	..
Kirklees	25	20	36	12	11	x	0
Leeds	65	60	85	45	37	15	10
Wakefield	35	30	27	25	4	5	10
West sub-region	190	140	263	129	74	55	20

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x Suppressed due to low numbers – where a count is 5 or fewer

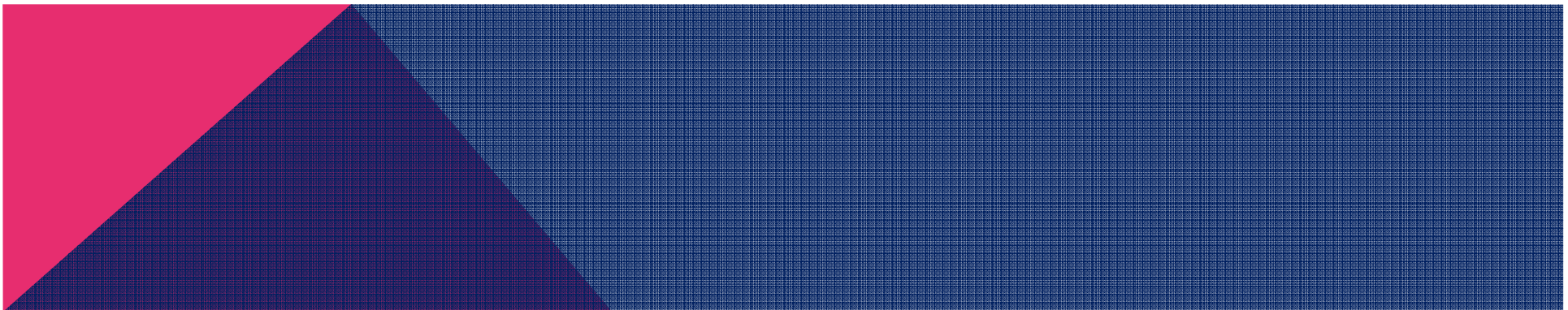
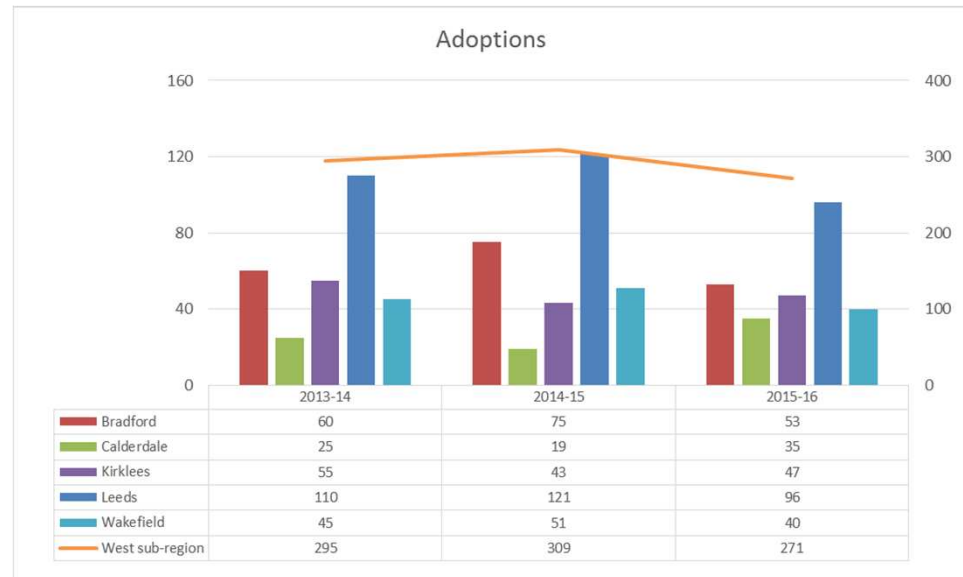


ADOPTIONS

A reduction in the number of adoptions

875 children have been adopted across the five local authorities between 2013-14 and 2015-16.

There were eight per cent fewer adoptions in 2015-16 than in 2013-14, compared to a seven per cent reduction nationally.



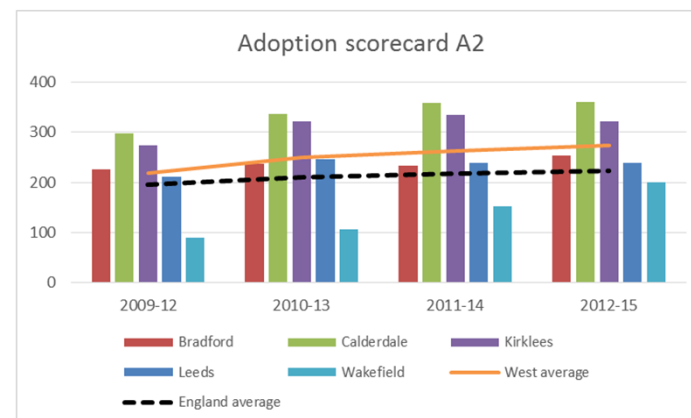
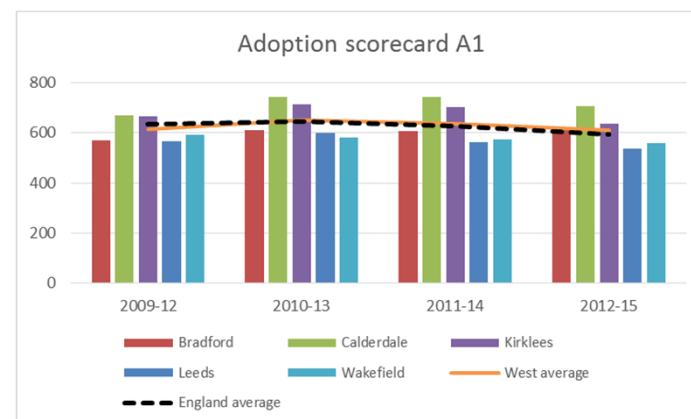
ADOPTION SCORECARD PERFORMANCE

Regional performance not as strong national

The region is broadly in line with national on A1, with performance improving over the last three years.

There is a steady increase in the length of time taken for children in the region to be matched to a family following the granting of a placement order.

For both indicators, there is significant variation in performance across the five local authorities.

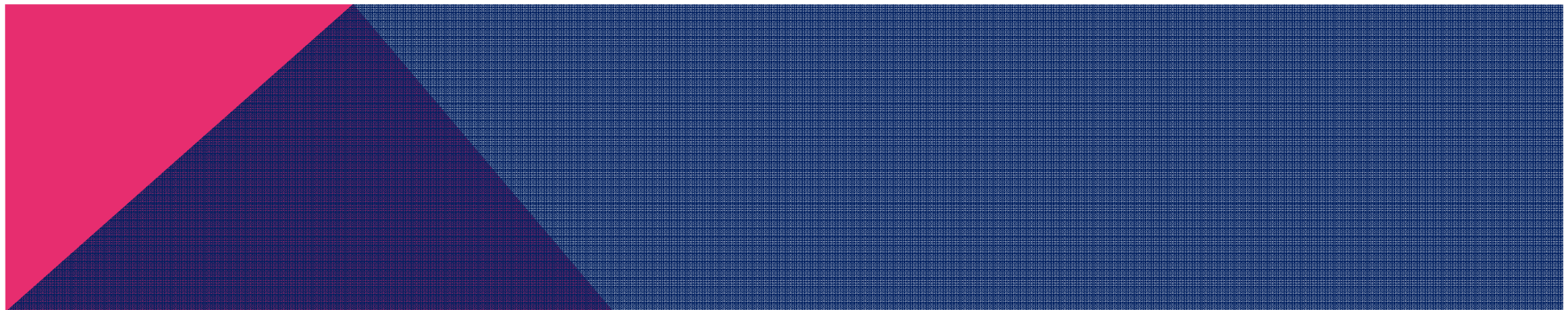


A1: Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days)
A2: Average time between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (days)

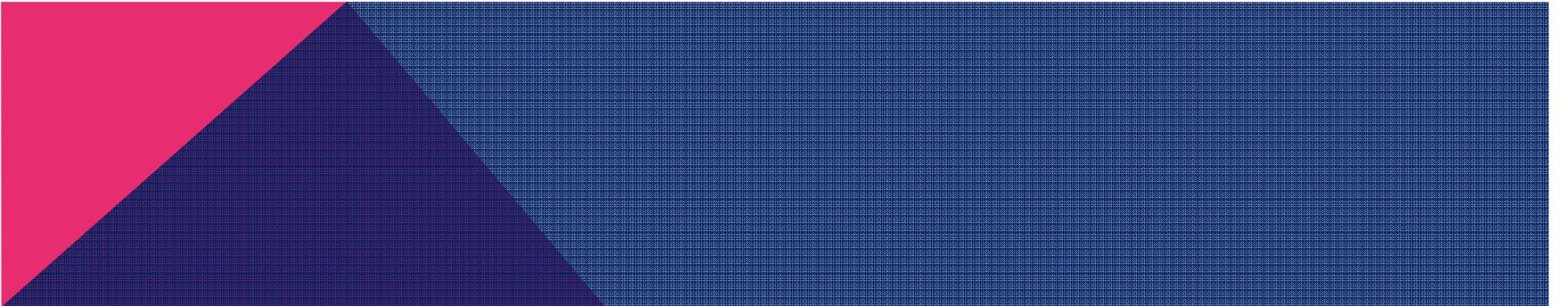
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