

One Adoption West Yorkshire quarterly performance report

July to September 2017

Introduction/summary

This is the second quarterly report, providing an update on One Adoption West Yorkshire.

This report is based in the premise of how much work has been undertaken in the period, how well and what difference has it made. The report is a simple and concise report. The report contains a number of tables and charts (when trends allow).

The first two quarterly reports will likely be light on detail and trend analysis as data is not available for an extended period. Future iterations will include trend data as a picture emerges of the impact that the agency is having for children, young people and prospective adopters and adoptive families across West Yorkshire.

Children

This section of the report provides headline figures relating to children and young people at various stages of the adoption process within West Yorkshire. The figures in bold are for Quarter 2 and those in brackets are for the previous quarter.

How much did we do?

During the quarter

- **412** (303) children left care, **39** (42) were adopted During 2016/17 177 children were adopted, average 45 per quarter (14.9%)
- **48** (46) children had an ADM decision made

 During 2016/17 211 children had ADM decision made, average 52 per quarter
- **43** (32) placement orders were granted During 2016/17 200 placement orders were granted, average 50 per quarter
- **32** (37) children were matched to an adoptive family **4** (18) inter agency placements) **12%** (49%)

 During 2016/17 210 children were matched, average 52 per quarter
- **41** (39) children were placed with an adoptive family During 2016/17 204 children were placed, average 51 per quarter
- **3** (3) children in new EPP During 2016/17 7 children were in new EPP, average 2 per quarter
- XX Children added to tracking
- 6 Children had a change of plan away from adoption
- No Children had an adoption disruption

How well did we do it?

• **9%** (14%) of children leaving care were adopted, (England average is 16%)

Numbers of children going through the adoption process during this quarter are increased on the past quarter including ADM and placement orders granted, with ADM's almost reaching last year's average quarterly figures.

Matching and placements made are slightly reduced although EPP which shows a slight increase.

For the **39** children who were adopted during quarter two 2017/18, it took an average of:

- 430 (439) days between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (National Indicator is 426 days) (England Average is 593)
- 193 (182) days between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family (National indicator is 121 days) (England average is 223)
- **22** (**56**%) of children who were adopted were placed within 426 days of entering care
- **18** (**46%**) of children who were adopted were matched within 121 days

For the 32 children matched with an adoptive family during the quarter it took an average of **164** days from placement order and **346** days from entering care

For children placed with an adoptive family during quarter it took an average of:-

(see Table A1-3 for detailed information)

How much did we do?

At the end of the quarter

- **121** (122) children being tracked to family finder prior to ADM (this is indicative data is taken from the One adoption tracker work in progress)
- 153 (132) children have an ADM decision but not yet matched
- 160 (149) children have an ADM decision but are not yet placed
- 112 (97) children have a placement order but are not yet placed. Of these, 53 (37) have been waiting for at least 18 months since entering care. 71 children have been waiting more than 121 days since the placement order was made
- 14 (62) children with an ADM decision have a potential match identified

How well did we do it?

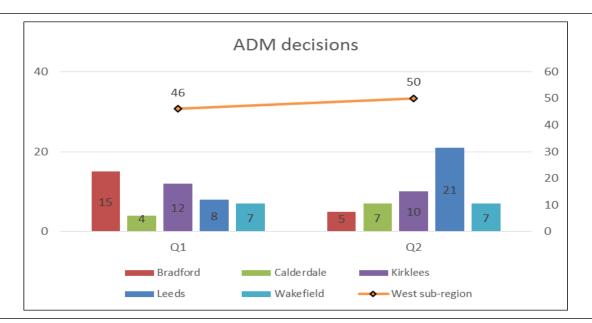
There is an increase in children in the system with a plan for adoption confirmed and a large number of children being tracked. There is an increase in children with ADM's and placement orders without a match identified.

What would we like to do better?

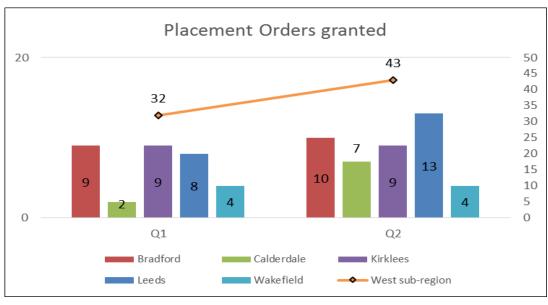
- We would like to have less children with a placement order with a potential match identified and identify matches earlier in the process.
- The figures are skewed by individual situations in specific LA's relating to meeting the needs of specifid children – see case example and detailed information

What difference did we make?

 More children were placed in house within the region in the 2nd quarter as a result of pooled resources.

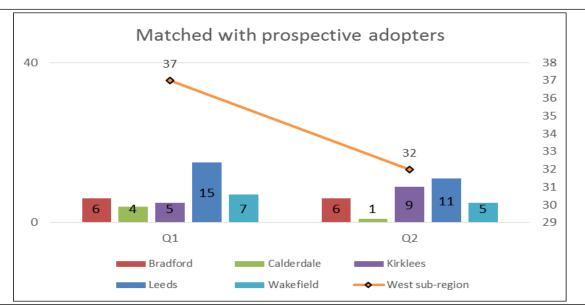


This graph shows numbers of children who had an ADM decision in Quarters 1 and 2. As we move forward we will see Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as further comparisons.

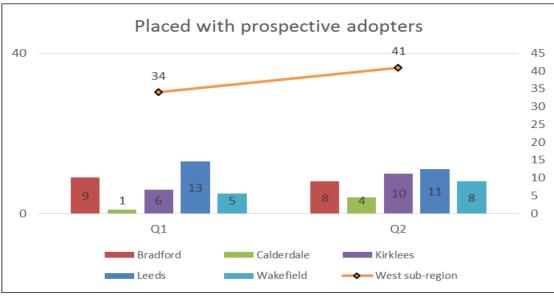


Commentary

This graph shows the number of placement orders obtained in Quarters 1 and 2. As we move forward we will see Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as further comparisons.

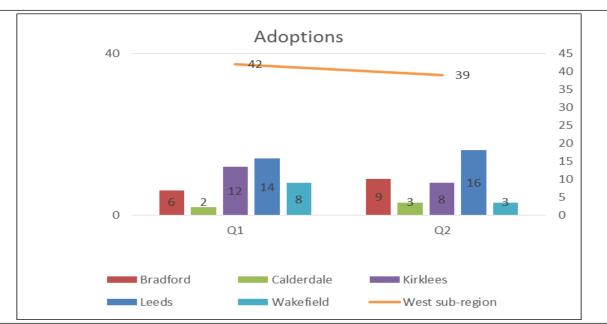


This graph shows numbers of children who were matched in Quarter 1. As we move forward we will see Q2, Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as comparisons.

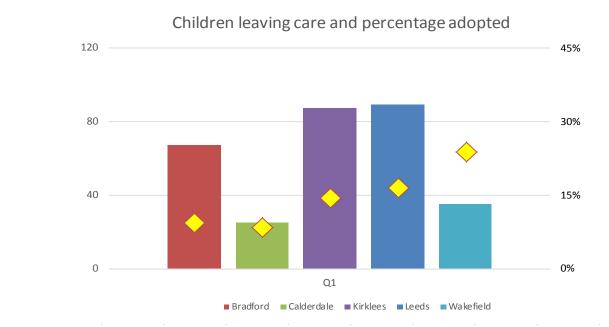


Commentary

This graph shows the number of children placed in Quarter 1. As we move forward we will see Q2, Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as comparisons.



This graph shows numbers of children who were adopted in Quarters 1 and 2. As we move forward we will see Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as further comparisons.



Commentary

This graph shows the number of children leaving care and the percentage of those who were adopted. As we move forward we will see Q2, Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as comparisons.

The diamond pointers indicate the percentage of children leaving care who were adopted.

Adopters

This section of the report provides headline figures relating to prospective and approved adopters at various stages of the adoption process in One Adoption. Appendix two contains figures for the year-to-date.

How much did we do?

During the quarter

- 117 (58) prospective adoptive households attended information sessions
- Xx Request for Initial visits requested
- Xx initial visits undertaken
- 12 families formal registration of interest to proceed
- 25 Families started Stage 1
- 27 (23) prospective adoptive families attended preparation training
- 20 Families started Stage 2
- **18** (15) prospective adoptive families were approved, of these, **2** families were Foster Carer Adopters
- 20 (15) prospective adoptive families were matched, of these, 2 families were matched with children outside the RAA and 18 were matched with children from within the RAA
- 18 prospective adoptive families had a child(ren) placed, of these, 3 families had children placed from outside RAA and 15 had children placed from within the RAA
- 24 (15) adoptive families adopted a child/young person
- 9 Families withdrew from the process

How well did we do it?

- Of those prospective adoptive families who ended Stage 1 in the quarter, they were in Stage 1 for an average of **3** (2) months
 - 39% were within timescales (Lowest was 1 month, highest was 6 months)
 - Those still in Stage 1 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 1 for an average of 3 (4) months
 - 54% are within timescales

There is variation between some applicants being ready to progress. Xxxx were completed within timescales

Xx went out of timescales (issues with ???)

- Of those prospective adoptive families who ended Stage
 2 in the quarter, they were in Stage 2 for an average of 4
 (4) months
- o 83% were within timescales
- Those still in Stage 2 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 2 for an average of 2 (3) months
- o 82% are within timescales

Of those approved xxxx average time between registration of interest and approval.

- 4 (7) adoptive families matched within three months of their approval; 14 (8) were matched after three months of their approval
- The average time taken from approval to matching was 6 (9) months
- 6 adoptive families matched within 3 months of approval

•	X families lodged applications X families had children adopted in the quarter	

How much did we do?

At the end of the quarter

- Of the 96 (113) individual approved adopters, 47 (60) are female and 49 (53) are male. 17, 18% (18,16%) are from a BME background
- 65 (46) prospective adoptive families are not yet approved
- 37 (30) prospective adoptive families are in stage one; 28 (16) are in stage two
- 51 (61) approved adoptive families are yet to be matched
 - o **9** (22) if these families have been waiting more than six months
 - o 24 (22) of these families have a matching panel booked
 - o 13 (4) of these families have a match identified but no panel date booked

6 (9) prospective adoptive families are on hold

Xx approval terminated during quarter

How well did we do it?

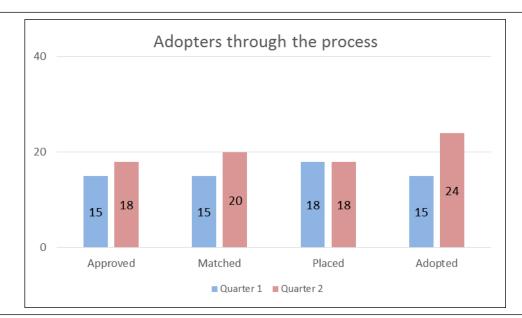
- There is an increase in assessment than previous quarter.
- A number of adopters waiting for more than 6 months has drastically reduced.
- Less families are available to be matched but there is an increase in the numbers of families with a link and a match booked at panel

What would we like to do better?

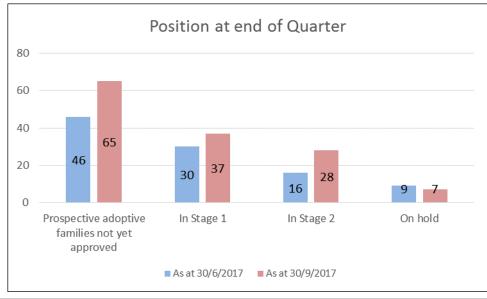
- We need to achieve a higher number of applications from the children who wait longer (sibling groups and older children and BME children)
- Although the stage 1 process has improved we will have a key focus on processes with our new business support staff recently in post to improve this.

What difference did we make?

The number of people attending information events have improved considerably this quarter and the adopters in stage 1 and 2 has also improved indicating improvements in the marketing and advertising arrangements.

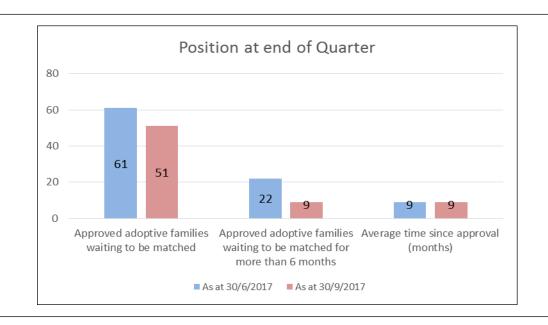


This graph shows numbers of adopters going through the process in Quarters 1 and 2. As we move forward we will see Q3 and Q4 included in the graph as comparisons.



Commentary

This graph shows the number of adopters at various stages in the process at the end of Quarter 2. As we move forward we will see the change in position at the end of each Quarter as comparisons.



This graph shows the number of adopters waiting to be matched and the average time they have been waiting (in months). As we move forward we will see the change in position at the end of each Quarter as comparisons.

Snapshot Figures

This section of the report looks at characteristics of prospective adopters who are approved but not yet matched and those characteristics of children still waiting to be matched as at the end of the quarter. **This section is work in progress and requires further development.**

Adopters approved not matched CHARACTERISTICS

Ethnicity	Number of individual adopters
African	1
Any other Asian background	4
Any other Black background	5
Any other ethnic group	1
Any other Mixed background	1
Any other White background	8
Gypsy/Roma	1
Information not yet obtained	74
Pakistani	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	96
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	51

Religion	Number of individual adopters
Christian	40
Muslim	8
No information available	17
None	22
Other	9
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	96
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	51

Children with ADM not matched (160) CHARACTERISTICS

Ethnicity	Number of children		
African	2		
Any other Asian background	1		
Any other Black background	2		
Any other ethnic group	5		
Any other Mixed background	4		
Any other White background	9		
Gypsy/Roma	4		
Information not yet obtained	9		
Pakistani	1		
White and Asian	5		
White and Black African	1		
White and Black Caribbean	3		
White British	107		
Grand Total	153		

Children who wait longer (one or more characteristics)	Number of children
Part of a Sibling Group	51
With a Disability	2
BME	28
Aged 5 years +	24

Of those above

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Certain characteristics specified	Number of Households
Potential Match	32
Not specified any age group	30
Specified 0-4 years (incl 0-2 years)	20
Specified 0-2 years	16
Sibling groups	1
Specific Gender	3
Open to EPP	10
Ethnicity White British	1

Adoption SupportThis section is work in progress and requires further development.

Non Agency Adoption
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Appendix One

This appendix contains a range of measures related to prospective adopters progressing through the approval and adoption process.

Table A9: individuals and families progressing through the approval and adoption processes

	Enquiries		Progress through the adoption process (Families)					
	Individuals	Families	Start Stage 1	Start Stage 2	Approved	Matched	Placed	Adopted
Quarter 1	69	38	12	9	15	15	18	15
Quarter 2	79	42	25	20	18	20	18	24
Quarter 3								
Quarter 4								
Full Year	148	80	37	29	33	35	36	39

Table A10: snapshot numbers of prospective adopters at different stages of the approval process

		Prospective ad	loptive families	Approved adoptive families waiting			
	Prospective adoptive families not yet approved	In Stage 1	In Stage 2	On hold	Approved adoptive families waiting to be matched	Approved adoptive families waiting to be matched for more than 6 months	Average time since approval (months)
As at 30/6/2017 As at 30/9/2017 As at 31/12/2017 As at 31/3/2018	46 65	30 37	16 28	9 7	61 51	22 9	9 9