



One Adoption West Yorkshire quarterly performance report

January to March 2018

Introduction/summary

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

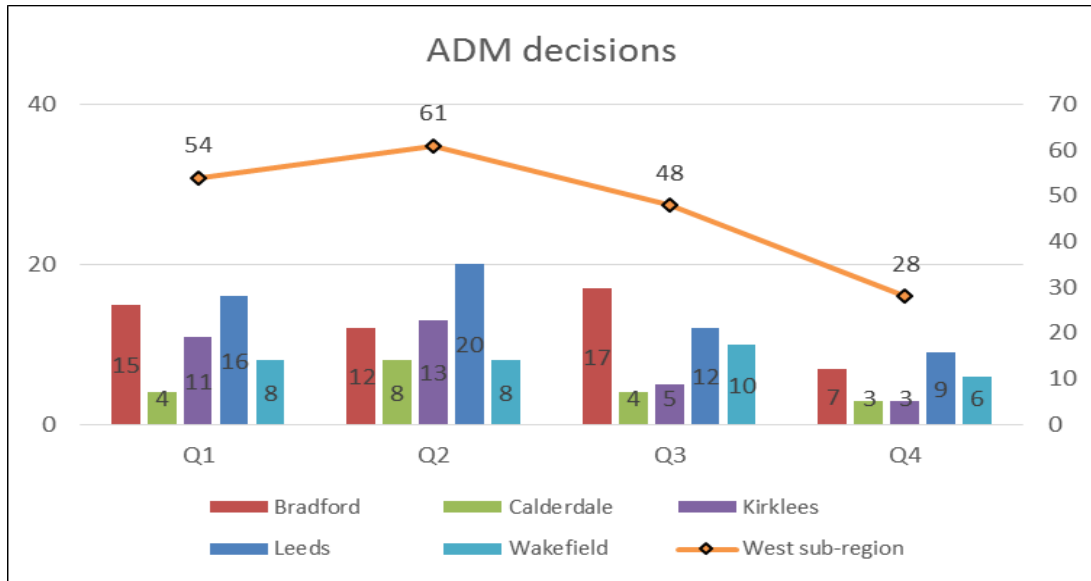
This report is based in the premise of how much work has been undertaken in the period, how well and what difference has it made. The report is a simple and concise report, with detailed tables in the appendix. The report contains a number of tables and charts (when trends allow).

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 4 and those in brackets are for the previous quarter. **N.B. The previous quarter figures have been amended to reflect reconciliation at year end.**

<p>How much did we do?</p> <p><i>During the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 319 (232) children left care, 40 (34) were adopted <i>During 2016/17 177 children were adopted, average 45 per quarter (14.9%)</i>• 28 (48) children had an ADM decision made <i>During 2016/17 211 children had ADM decision made, average 52 per quarter</i>• 24 (50) placement orders were granted <i>During 2016/17 200 placement orders were granted, average 50 per quarter</i>• 37 (45) children were matched to an adoptive family – 15 (13) inter agency placements 41% (29%) <i>During 2016/17 210 children were matched, average 52 per quarter</i>• 37 (42) children were placed with an adoptive family <i>During 2016/17 204 children were placed, average 51 per quarter</i>• 5 (4) children in new EPP <i>During 2016/17 7 children were in new EPP, average 2 per quarter</i>• XX Children added to tracking (we are not able to report on this at the present time)• 13 (7) Children had a change of plan away from adoption• 2 (2) Children had an adoption disruption	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13% (15%) of children leaving care were adopted, (England average is 14%).• The number of children placed on EPP arrangements this year has gradually increased throughout the year which is encouraging. <p>Scorecard Data</p> <p>For the 40 (34) children who were adopted during quarter 4 2017/18, it took an average of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 353 (426) days between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (National Indicator is 426 days) (England Average is 593)• 117 (124) 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)• 33 (20) were placed within 426 days of entering care, this is 83% (59%).• 23 (19) were matched within 121 days, this is 58% (56%) <p>For the 37 (42) children who were placed during quarter 4 2017/18, it took an average of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 384 (332) days between a child entering care and moving in with their adopter family• 170 (128) days between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family• 27 (31) were placed within 426 days of entering care, this is 73% (74%)• 13 (24) were matched within 121 days, this is 35% (57%) <p>For the 37 (45) children matched with an adoptive family during the quarter it took an average of 180 (130) days from placement order and 409 (322) days from entering care</p>
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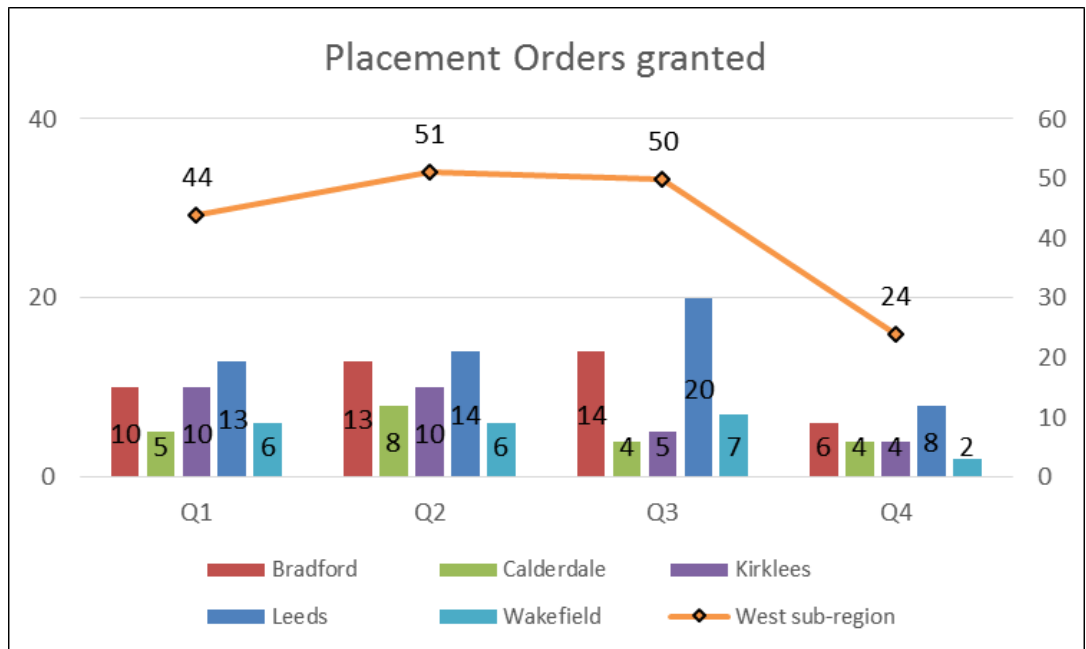
<p>How much did we do? <i>At the end of the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 133 (145) children have an ADM decision but not yet matched • 143 (163) children have an ADM decision but are not yet placed • 110 (92) children have a placement order but are not yet placed. Of these, 67 (40) have been waiting for at least 18 months since entering care. 77 (57) children have been waiting more than 121 days since the placement order was made • 6 (6) children with an ADM decision have a potential match identified 	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For children adopted, the timeliness from entering care to moving in with their adoptive family has reduced further this quarter • For children adopted timeliness between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family has also for the first time dropped below the national indicator at 117 (National indicator is 121 days) (England average is 223)
<p>What would we like to do better?</p> <p>The accuracy of reporting in each Local Authority regarding Early Permanence Placements appears to be an issue as we are aware of other EPP placements not appearing on the ALB returns. This will be investigated further with a view to resolving for the first quarter of 18/19.</p>	<p>What difference did we make?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More children reached their permanent home at the end of the year through early permanence arrangements. • Of the children matched for adoption there are a number of older children with more complex needs matched where it has taken longer to find a family for them. However, for these children it has been essential that once a family has been identified to ensure that the child and family is well prepared and supported for the transition and these factors have contributed to the delay.



Commentary

This graph shows numbers of children who had an ADM decision in Quarters 1 to 4.

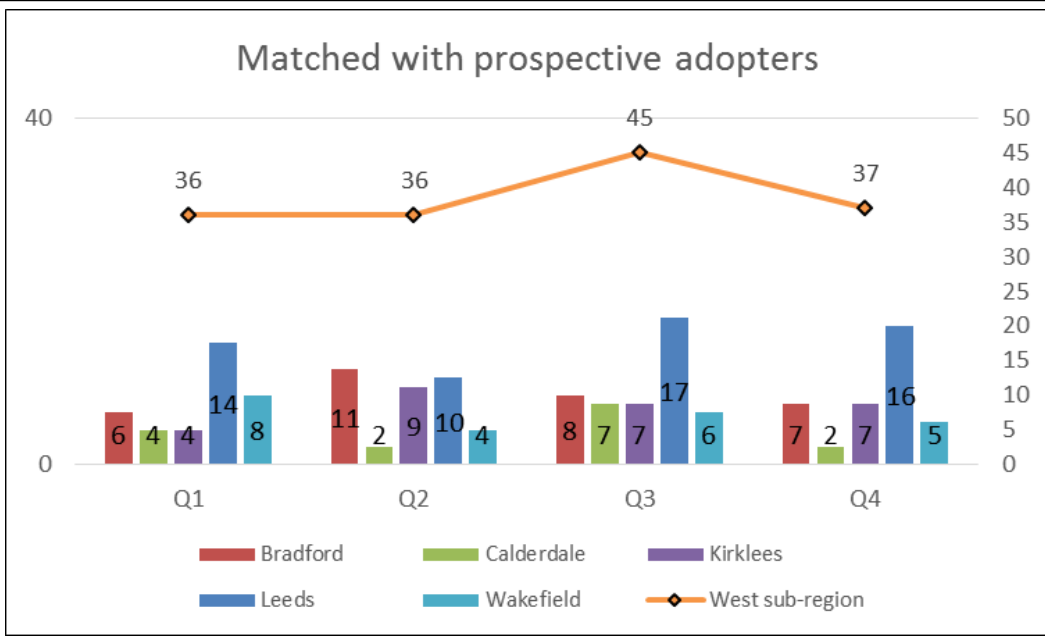
Decisions have drastically reduced this quarter to the lowest level seen for some considerable time and some discussion and analysis of the reasons for this need to be further understood.



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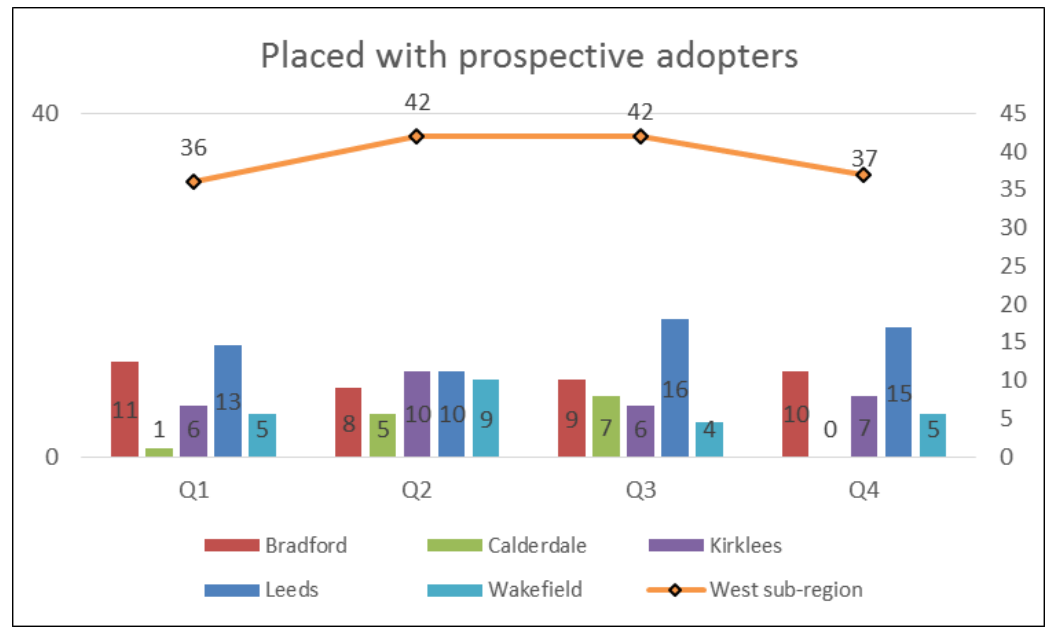
This graph shows the number of placement orders obtained in Quarters 1 to 4.

This has also reflected a significant drop and may well be related to the reductions in ADM decisions above. However, there is usually a gap between the impact of ADM decisions to placement orders in the following quarter, rather than the same quarter.



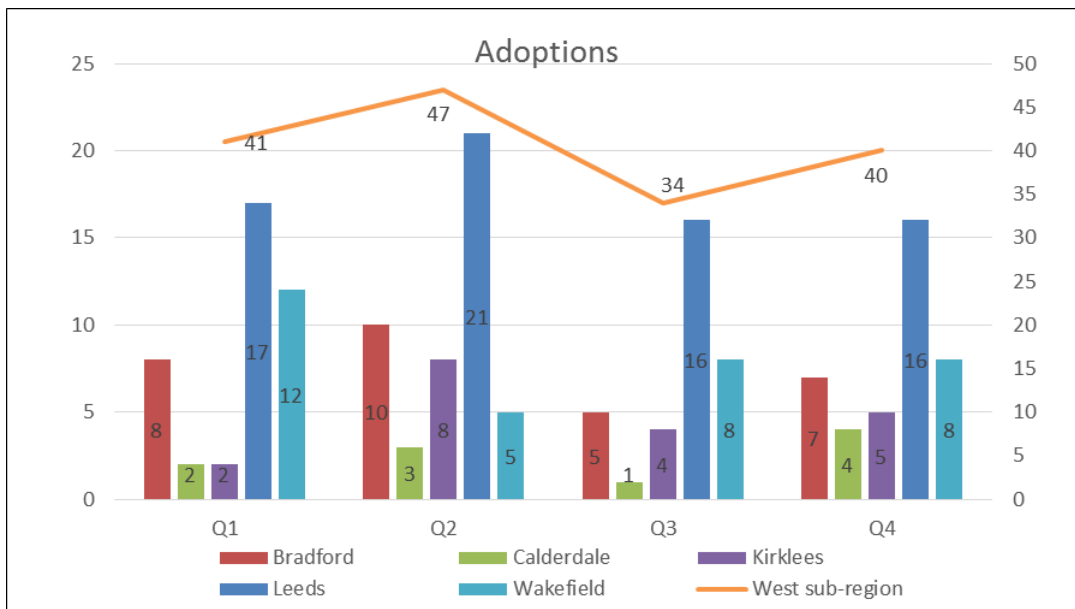
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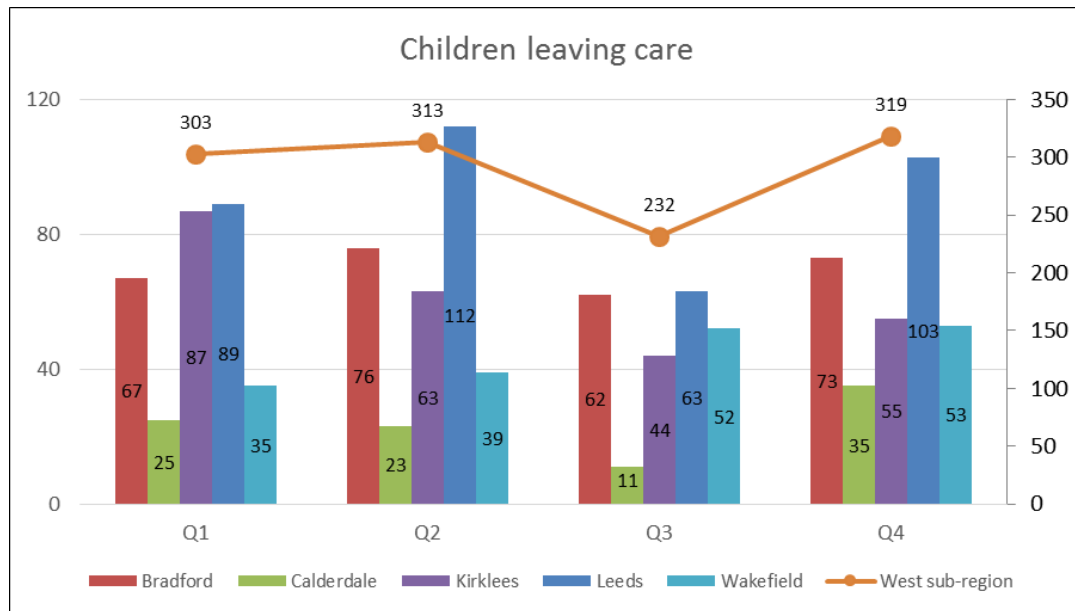
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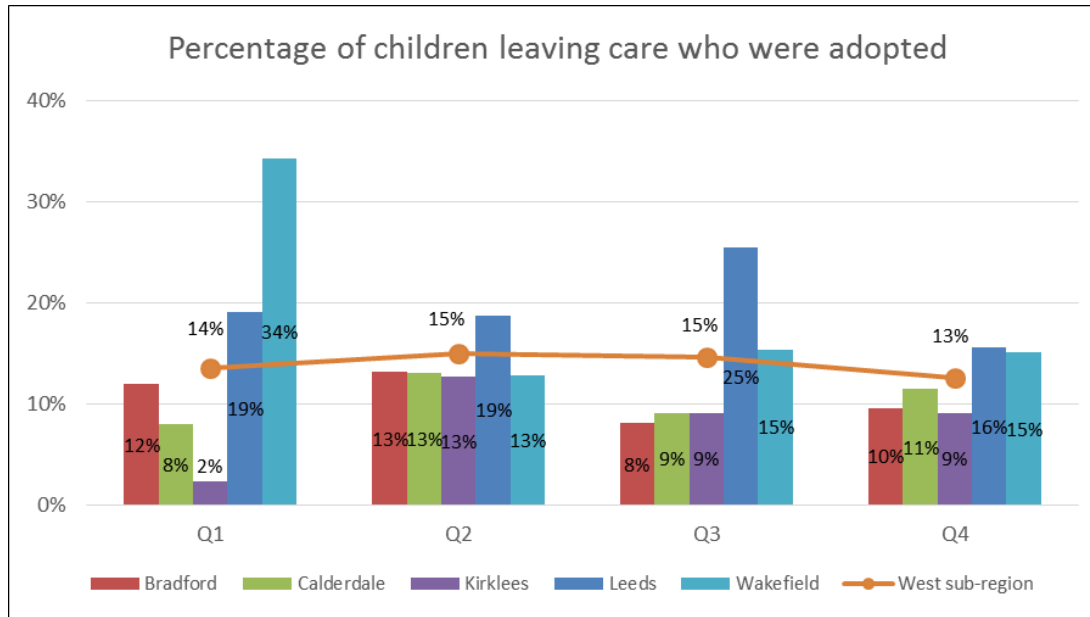
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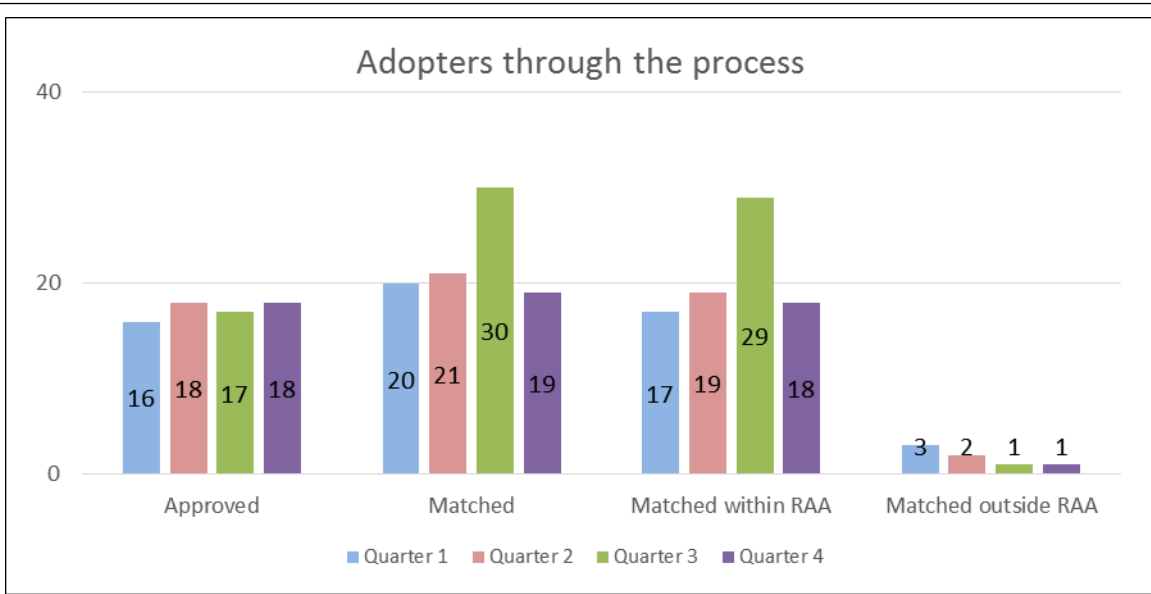
This graph shows the percentage of children leaving care who were adopted in Quarters 1 to 4. All these figures have been reconciled against the end of year data

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 1 contains figures for the year-to-date.

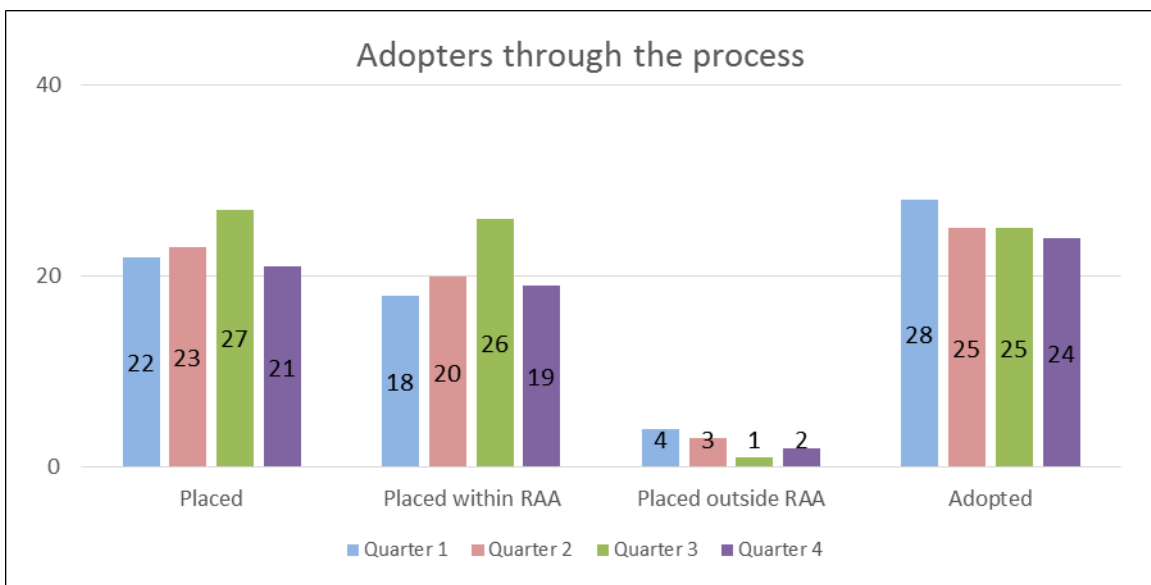
<p>How much did we do?</p> <p><i>During the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 123 (81) prospective adoptive households attended information sessions• 27 (36) Families started Stage 1• XX (20) prospective adoptive families attended preparation training• 32 (25) Families started Stage 2• 18 (17) prospective adoptive families were approved, of these, 2 families were Foster Carer Adopters• 19 (30) prospective adoptive families were matched, of these, 1 (1) families were matched with children outside the RAA and 18 (29) were matched with children from within the RAA• 21 (27) prospective adoptive families had a child(ren) placed, of these, 2 (1) families had children placed from outside RAA and 19 (26) had children placed from within the RAA• 24 (25) adoptive families adopted a child/young person• 5 (9) Families withdrew from the process	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Of those prospective adoptive families who ended Stage 1 in the quarter, they were in Stage 1 for an average of 2 (3) months<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 50% (46%) were within timescales (Lowest was 0 (0) month, highest was 4 (5) months)○ Those still in Stage 1 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 1 for an average of 2 (1) months○ 63% (43%) are within timescales• Of those prospective adoptive families who ended Stage 2 in the quarter, they were in Stage 2 for an average of 4 (3) months<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 74% (87%) were within timescales (Lowest was 0 (0) months, highest was 8 (12) months)○ Those still in Stage 2 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 2 for an average of 2 (3) months○ 84% (28%) are within timescales <p>Of those approved 8 (8) months was the average time between registration of interest and approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 (8) adoptive families were matched within three months of their approval; 9 (22) were matched after three months of their approval• The average time taken from approval to matching was 7 (7) months
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<p>How much did we do?</p> <p><i>At the end of the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 59 (67) individual approved adopters, 33 (32) are female and 26 (35) are male. 10, 17% (11,16%) are from a BME background • 78 (70) prospective adoptive families are not yet approved • 33 (43) prospective adoptive families are in stage one; 45 (27) are in stage two • 32 (37) approved adoptive families are yet to be matched <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 (5) of these families have been waiting more than six months ○ 4 (10) of these families have a matching panel booked ○ 6 (2) of these families have a match identified but no panel date booked <p>8 (7) prospective adoptive families are on hold</p>	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is an improvement in the timeliness of adopters spent in each stage of the process which provides evidence of an improved system. • We have improved the percentage of BME adopters approved.
<p>What would we like to do better?</p> <p>Continue to improve the timescales in the assessment process.</p>	<p>What difference did we make?</p> <p>More families were matched this quarter than last quarter with a child(ren); and families that had been waiting longer than three months were matched with a child.</p>



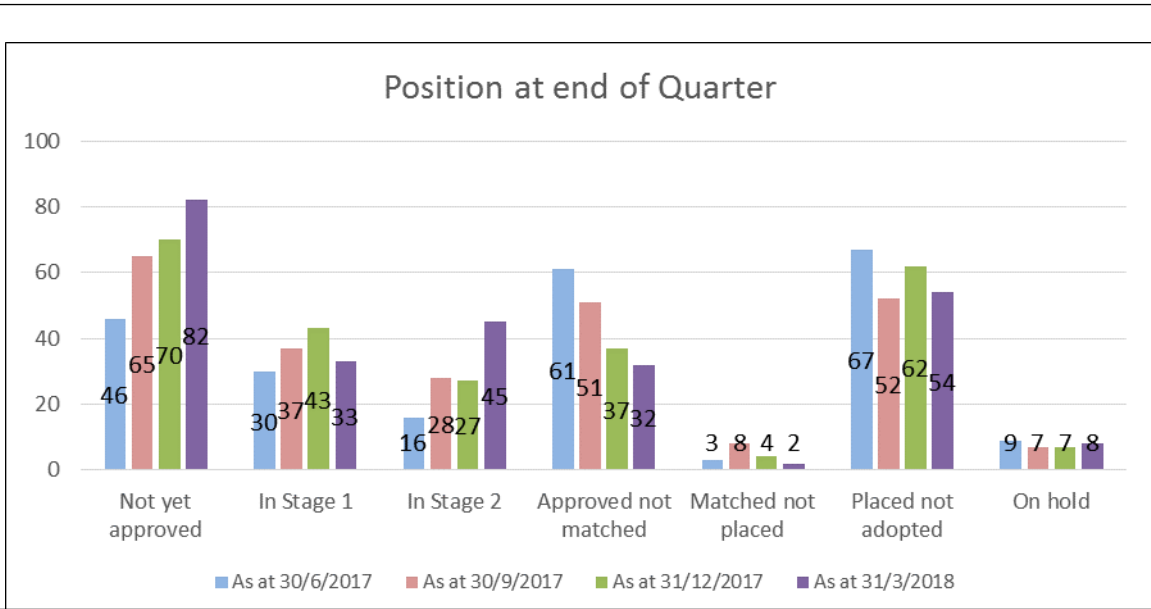
Commentary

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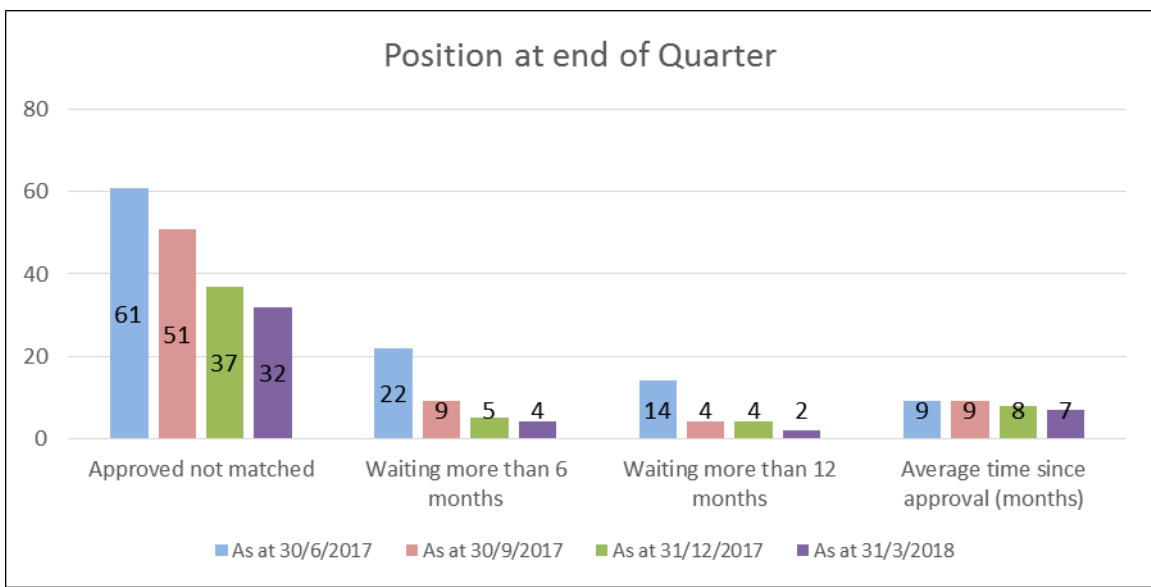
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Commentary

This graph shows the number of adopters at various stages in the process at the end of each quarter. As we move forward we will see the change in position at the end of each Quarter as comparisons. Figures have been reconciled for Q1, Q2 and Q3 according to the end of year data.

The numbers of adopters not yet approved continues to increase and the number of approved adopters not matched is decreasing providing evidence that we are matching adopters with children from within the region.



Commentary

This graph shows the number of adopters waiting to be matched and the average time they have been waiting (in months). Figures have been reconciled for Q1, Q2 and Q3 according to the end of year data.

There is a significant decrease in adopters waiting for more than 6 and 12 months for a placement.

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.**

Characteristics of those adopters who are approved and not yet matched		Characteristics of children who have a decision but not yet matched (131), of these, 110 have a Placement Order	
Ethnicity	Number of individuals	Ethnicity	Number of children
White and Asian	1	African	2
White and Black Caribbean	2	Any other Black background	4
White British	48	Any other ethnic group	10
Any Other White Background	1	Any other Mixed background	4
Pakistani	6	Any other White background	7
Any Other Asian Background	1	Gypsy/Roma	2
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	59	Information not yet obtained	16
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	32	Pakistani	1
		White and Asian	3
Religion	Number of individuals	White and Black African	2
Christian	24	White and Black Caribbean	4
Muslim	4	White British	76
None	14	TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	131
Other	2		
Not Available	15	Children who wait longer (more than one characteristic)	Number of children
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	59	Part of a Sibling Group	59
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	32	With a Disability	0
		BME	32
		Aged 5 years +	25
		TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	116
		28 Children have 2 of above characteristics	
		4 Children have 3 of above characteristics	

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Certain characteristics specified	Number of Households
Potential Match	10
Not specified any age group	27
Specified 0-4 years (incl 0-2 years)	5
Specified 0-2 years	4
Sibling groups	5
Specific Gender	1
Open to EPP	3

Adoption Support

This 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	77	41	32	20	18	29	27	21
Quarter 4	110	61	30	32	18	17	20	24
Full Year	335	182	99	81	69	81	83	84

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

	Prospective adoptive 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	46	30	16	9	61	22	9
As at 30/9/2017	65	37	28	7	51	9	9
As at 31/12/2017	70	43	27	7	37	5	8
As at 31/3/2018	82	37	45	8	34	4	7