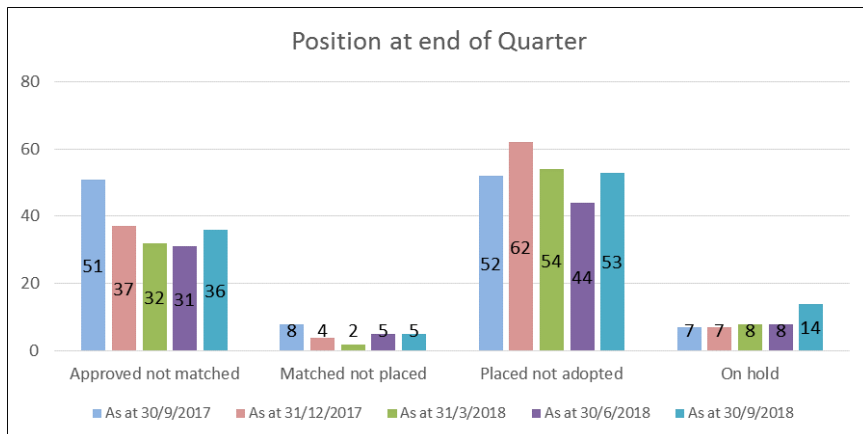
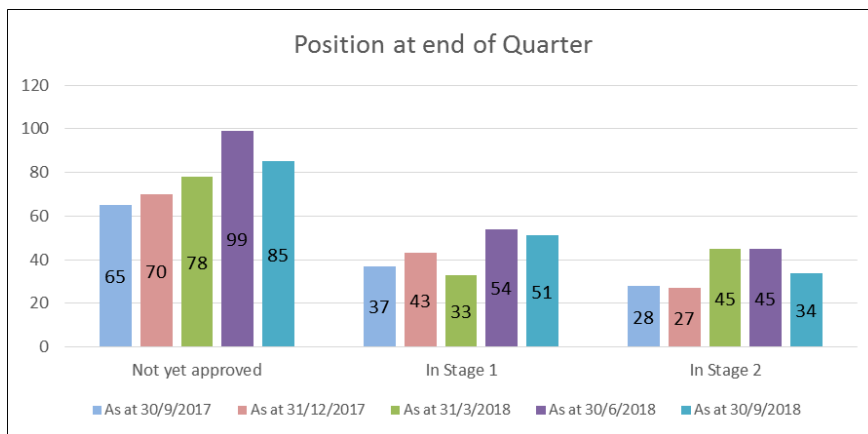




**Quarter 2 Highlight Report on performance for the board**

**a) Sufficiency:** Are enough of the right kind of adopters being recruited and approved to meet the needs of the children waiting?



During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter we achieved 31 approvals. The target for the second quarter was 28 approvals so we have exceeded the target set.

**Adopters**

Of the 36 adoptive families who ended Stage 1 in quarter 1,

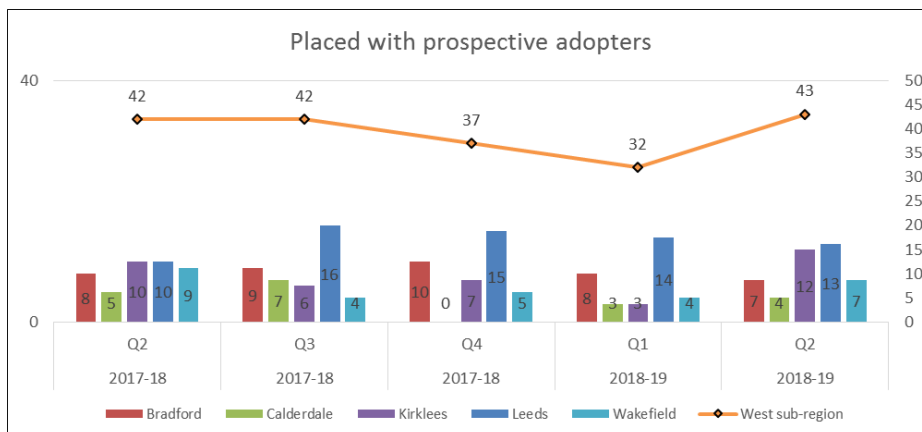
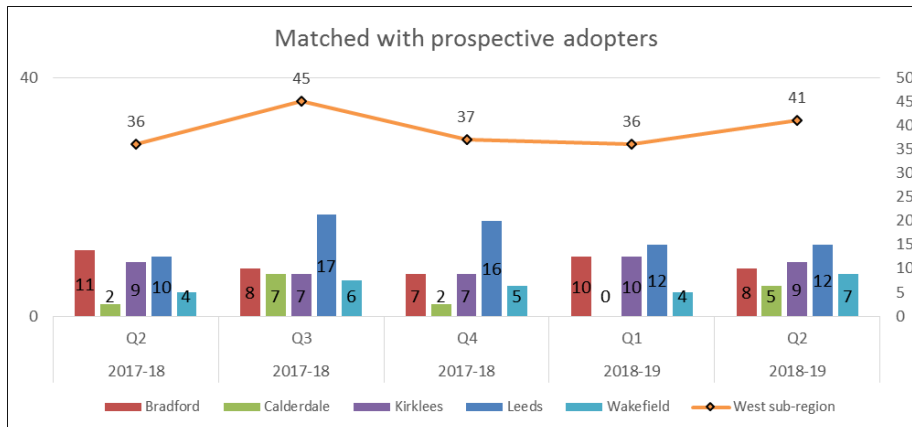
- 14 were in stage 1 for more than 2 months

Of the 31 adoptive families who ended Stage 2 (Approved) in quarter 1,

- 4 were in stage 2 for more than 4 months

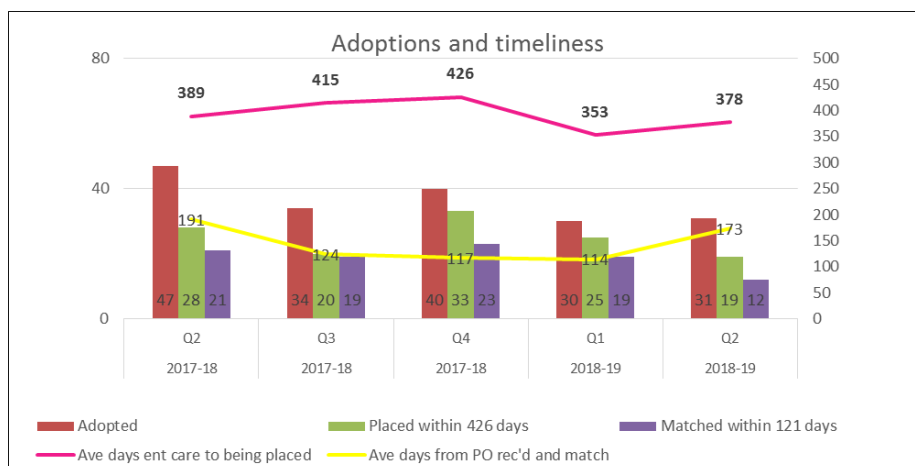
Delays in stage 1 tend to be regarding getting medicals completed by GP's and undertaking DBS checks in the early stages. Further exploration of those in stage 1 longer than 2 months is underway to clarify the reasons and to explore options for improving the timescales.

b) **Timeliness:** Are children being matched and placed without delay including those children who wait longer?



It is clear from these graphs that in the second quarter that there has been an increase in children matched and placed compared to the first quarter. This includes 17 children who wait longer due to their needs (e.g. over the age of 5 years; sibling groups, BME & children with disabilities).

## Appendix 1 Performance Report

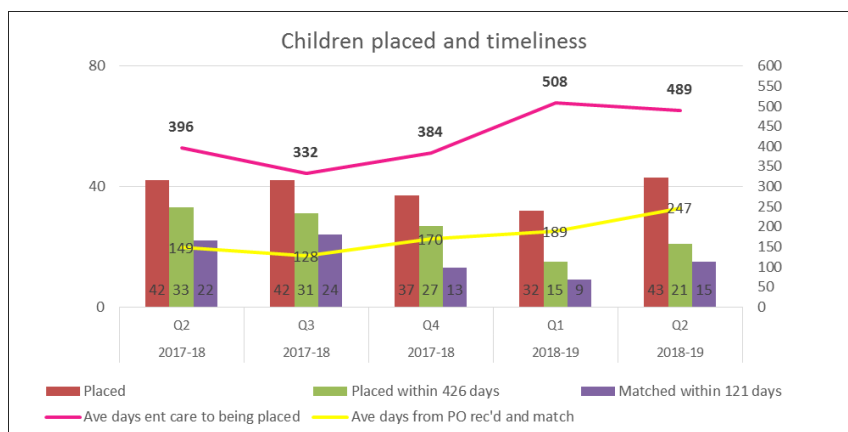


The graph immediately above is with regard to children adopted in the period. The A1 scorecard indicator of children adopted is below national indicator of 426 days which is extremely positive at 378 days.

The A2 scorecard indicator has increased above national indicator in quarter 2. Of the 31 children adopted in quarter 2, 15 of these were classed as children who wait longer to match, this affects the overall average timeliness.

**A1 indicator of the children placed:** (see table below)

**This shows a worsening of the position of timeliness. However, 19 children had more than 500 days between entering care and being placed making the average 489 days, without these 19 children it brings the average down to 308.**



Case examples of all the children placed:-

24 were children who wait longer ( eg classed by the DfE as harder to place children)

4 were aged 5+ years

21 were part of a sibling group

6 were Black and minority ethnic (BME)

**A2 indicator:**

**28 of the 43 children took more than 121 days from Placement Order to match:-**

Of the 28, 17 are in the cohort above.

**At the end of September 2018 67 children who have been waiting for at least 18 months since entering care and are not placed:**

Of these 67 children, 31 entered care between 2011 and 2016 – this is shared across all LA's. 3 of these 31 children have been matched and awaiting placement.

49 are classed as "hard to place" children (5+years old, sibling group, disability, BME), of which 21 have more than one of these characteristics. 18 of the 67 children are however not classed as hard to place so further exploration of these 18, to understand the issues, is underway.

It is clear there has been some delay with foster carer adoptions. A protocol has now been agreed with the 5 LA's to progress swift decision making regarding financial support so that these can be resolved before full assessment commences.