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One Adoption West Yorkshire quarterly performance report

July – September 2019

Introduction/summary

This is the second quarterly report for 2019-20, providing an update on One Adoption West Yorkshire.

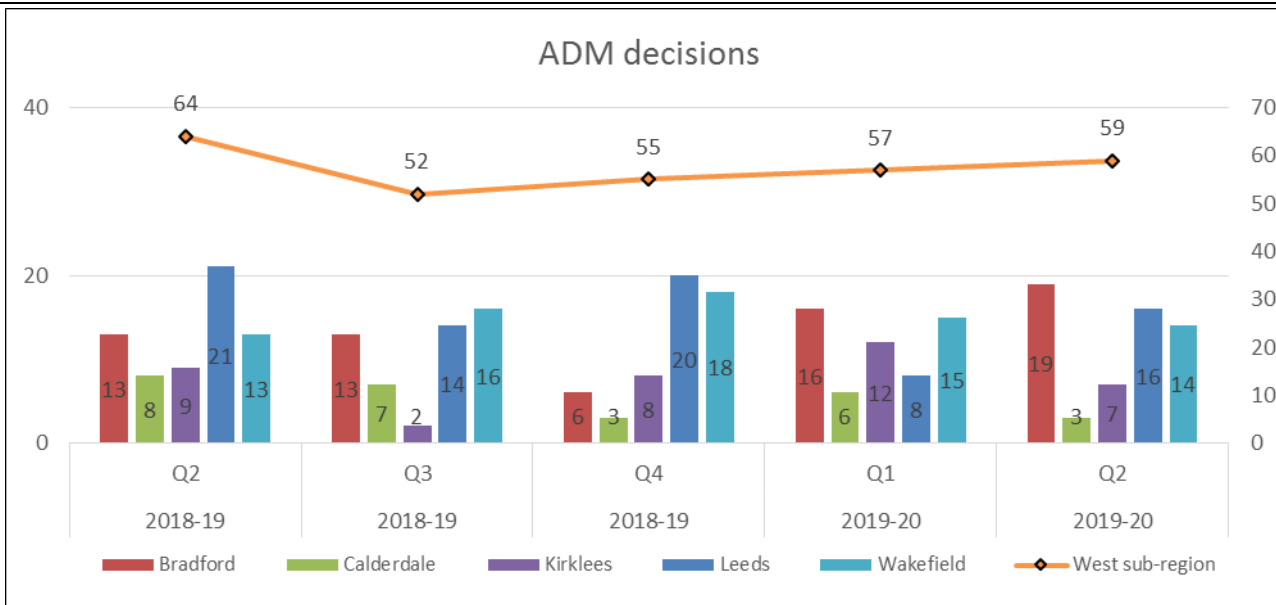
This report is based in the premise of how much work has been undertaken in the period, how well and what difference has it made. The report is a simple and concise report, with detailed tables in the appendix. The report contains a number of tables and charts.

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. Greater detail, including a breakdown by the five local authorities, is contained within the graphs on the following page. The figures in bold are for the current quarter and those in brackets are for the same quarter of the previous year.

How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
<p>During the quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 285 (317) children left care, 34 (51) were adopted <i>During 2018/19 163 children were adopted, average 41 per quarter (13.9%)</i>• 59 (57) children had an ADM decision made <i>During 2018/19 226 children had ADM decision made, average 57 per quarter</i>• 60 (43) placement orders were granted <i>During 2018/19 206 placement orders were granted, average 51 per quarter</i>• 51 (35) children were matched to an adoptive family – 19 (9) inter agency placements 37% (26%) <i>During 2018/19 172 children were matched, average 43 per quarter</i>• 52 (33) children were placed with an adoptive family <i>During 2018/19 172 children were placed, average 43 per quarter</i>• 1 (2) children in new EPP (Decision for EPP)• 2 (2) children in new EPP (placed in EPP) <i>During 2018/19 15 children were in new EPP, average 4 per quarter</i>• 9 (10) Children had a change of plan away from adoption• 1 (1) Child had an adoption disruption	<p>Statutory Scorecard Data</p> <p>For the 34 (51) children who were adopted during quarter 2 2019/20, it took an average of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 473 (482) days between a child entering care and moving in with their adoptive family (National Indicator is 426 days) (England Average is 486)• 236 (235) 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 201)• 20 (27) were placed within 426 days of entering care, this is 59% (53%).• 10 (17) were matched within 121 days, this is 20% (49%) <hr/> <p>For the 52 (33) children who were placed during quarter 2 2019/20, it took an average of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 503 (514) days between a child entering care and moving in with their adopter family – *(22 of the 52 children took more than 500 days)* if these 22 children were taken out of the equation the average number of days would be 351• 246 (265) days between a local authority receiving court authority to place a child and the local authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family – (36 of the 52 children took more than 121 days) if these 36 children were taken out of the equation the average number of days would be 74• 24 (2151) were placed within 426 days of entering care, this is 46% (45%)• 15 (8) were matched within 121 days, this is 29% (24%) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12% (16%) of children leaving care were adopted, (England average is 13%)

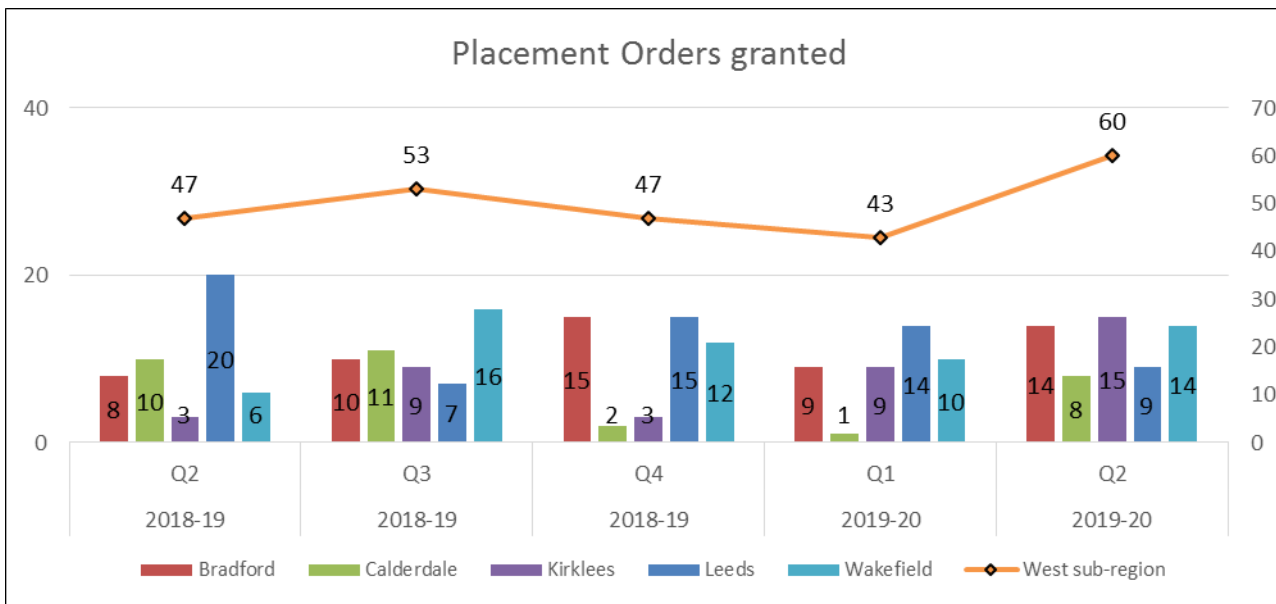
<p>How much did we do? <i>At the end of the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 209 (206) children have an ADM decision but not yet matched • 218 (219) children have an ADM decision but are not yet placed • 180 (170) children have a placement order but are not yet placed. Of these, 66 (59) have been waiting for at least 18 months since entering care. 109 (116) children have been waiting more than 121 days since the placement order was made • 14 (1) child with an ADM decision has a potential match identified 	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is clear that in the second quarter that there has been an increase in children matched including 28 children who wait longer due to their needs • There has been an increase in the second quarter in the number of children matched to adoptive families as well as an increase in the number of children placed in the quarter • OAWY is continuing to work with voluntary agency partners within the Yorkshire and Humber region to promote placements within our region • The use of profiling events and fun days as well as profiling children at national exchange days has broadened the family finding practices
<p>What would we like to do better?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would like ensure that children are placed in a timely manner and whilst we are able to do this for some children others take longer. • Although we are identifying children earlier we have seen a decline in Early permanence placements in the region are exploring this with local authorities. • Alongside Local Authorities, understanding why a small number children's adoption orders have not been progressed in a timely manner. 	<p>What difference did we make?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 children (over the age of 5 years; sibling groups, BME & children with disabilities) who traditionally wait longer for an adoptive family have been placed in the quarter which is really positive



Commentary

This graph shows numbers of children who had an ADM decision over the last 5 quarters, thus showing figures for the same quarter in the previous year

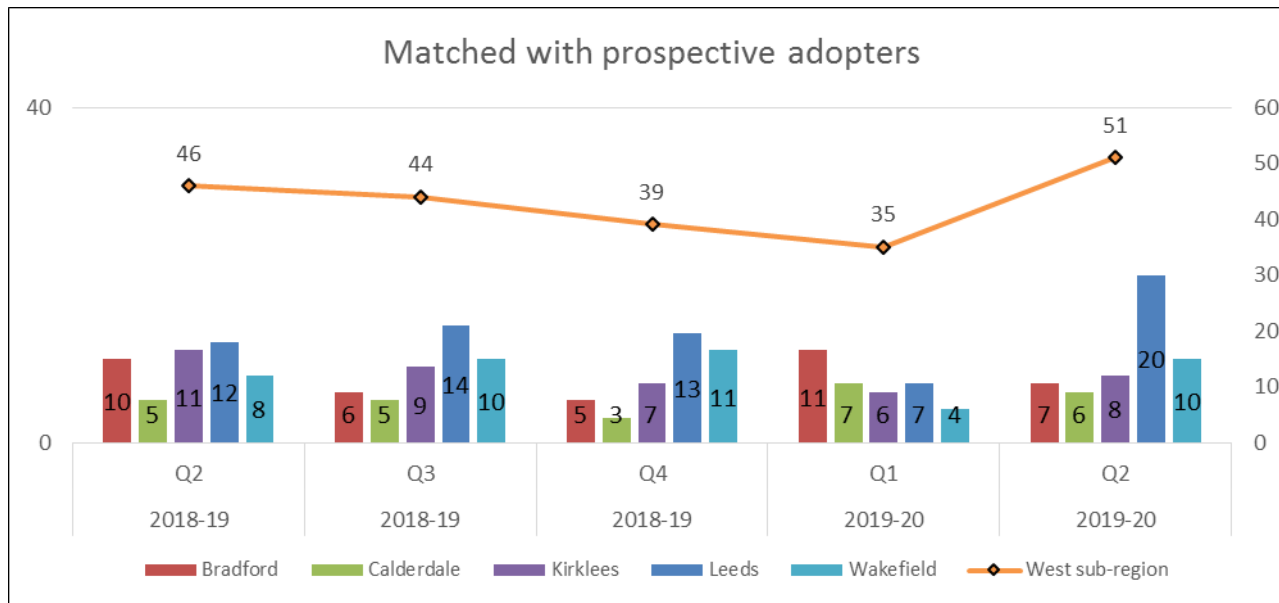
There is a small and steady increase in the region with local variations in each LA.



Commentary

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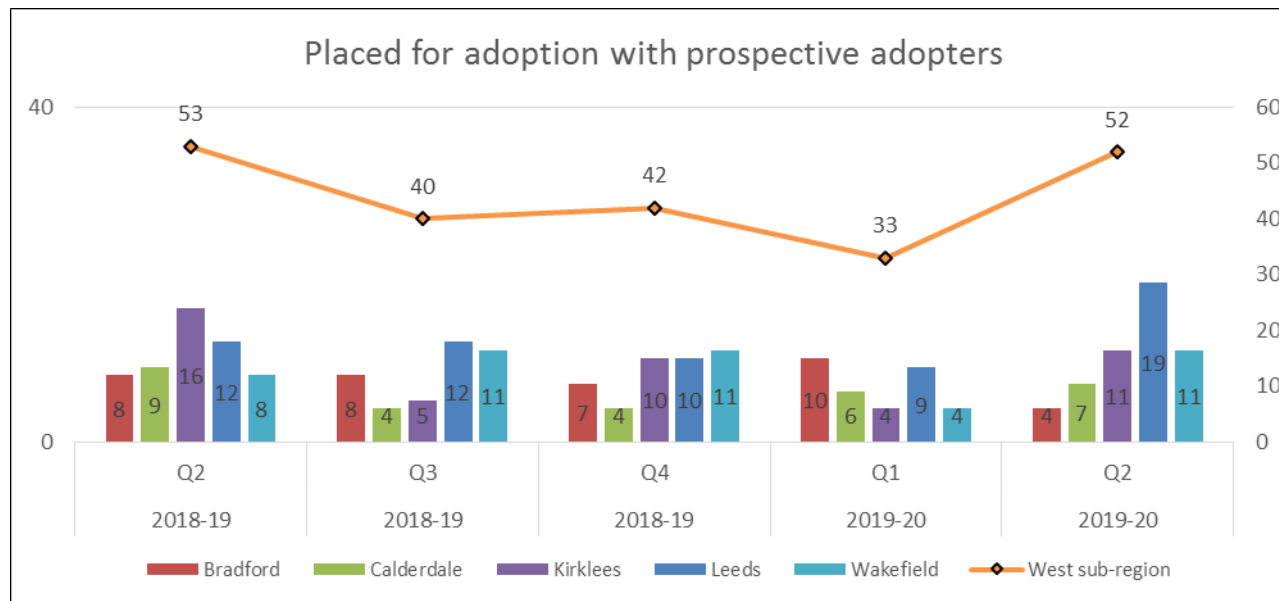
A significant increase this quarter and it may be that some care proceedings where the ADM has been made may have been protracted to account for the increase.



Commentary

This graph shows numbers of children who were matched over the last 5 quarters, thus showing figures for the same quarter in the previous year

There has been an increase in Q2 of the number of children matched with prospective adopters; a number of matches have been made children who wait longer due to their needs.

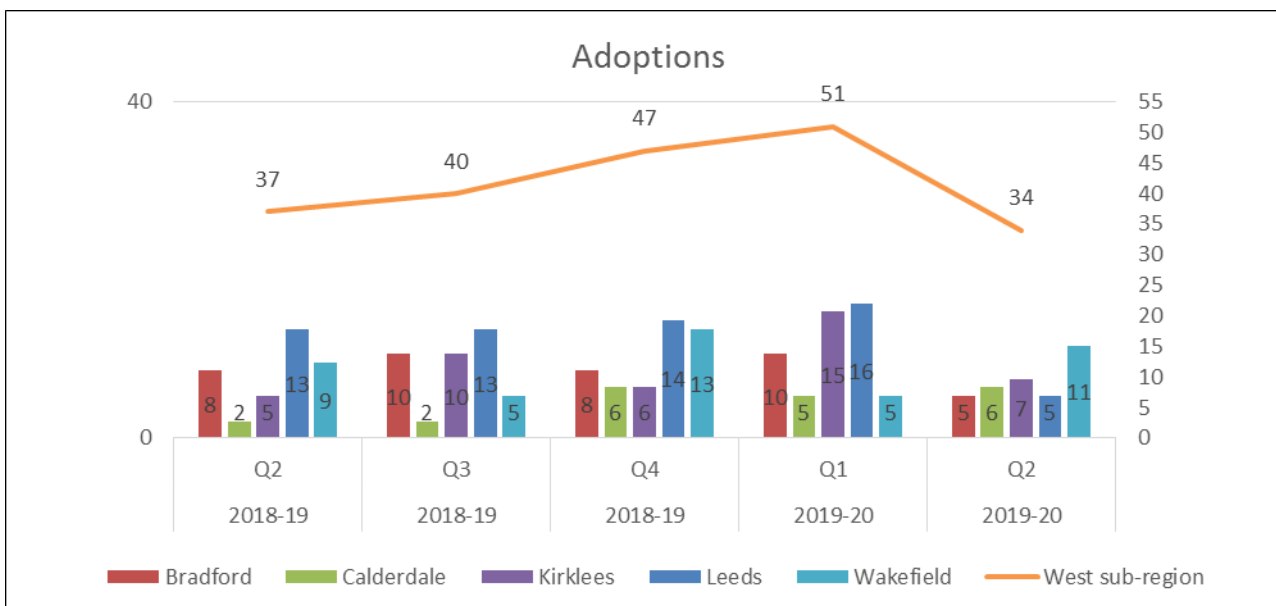


Commentary

This graph shows the number of children placed over the last 5 quarters, thus showing figures for the same quarter in the previous year

There has been a significant increase in the number of children who have been placed for adoption in Q2.

There are a significant number of children who wait longer due to their needs being placed for adoption.

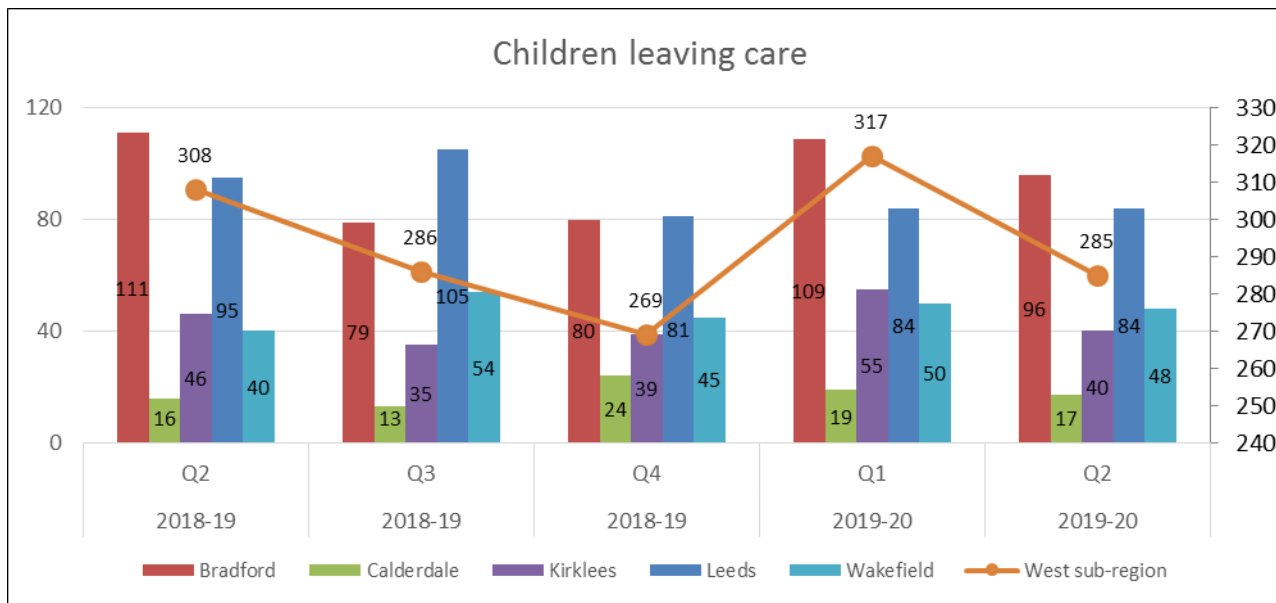


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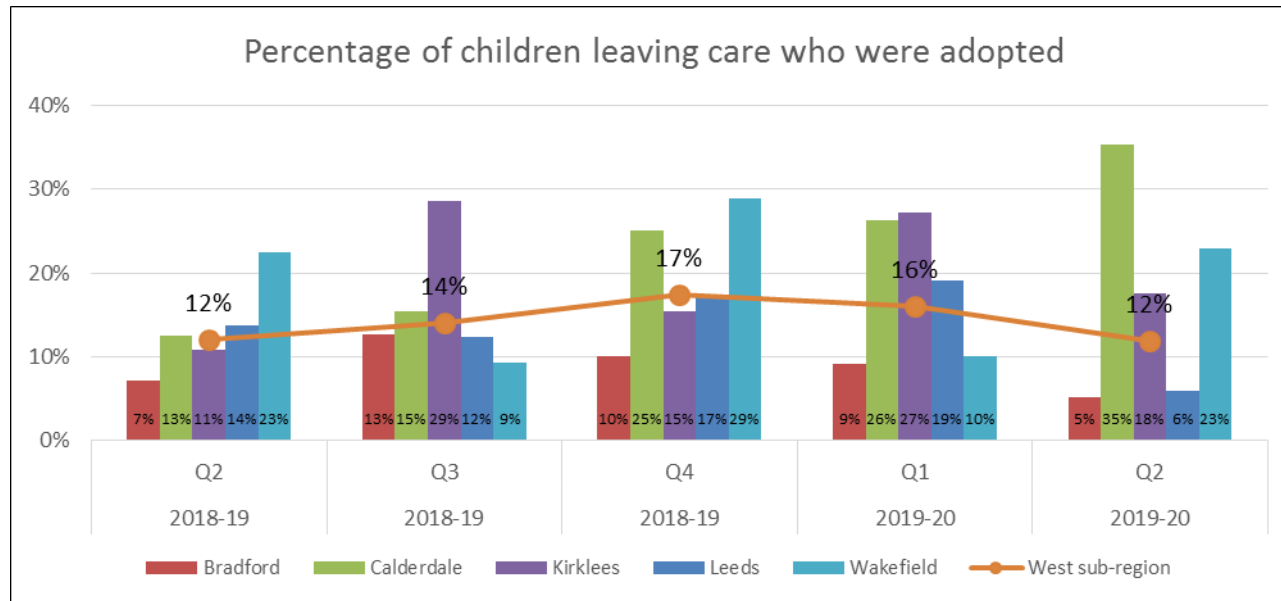
There has been a decrease in the number of adoptions in the quarter.

There are a small number of children who have not been adopted within anticipated timescales. The number of children placed for adoption in the year previous generally is reflective of the number of children adopted.



Commentary

This graph shows the number of children leaving care over the last 5 quarters, thus showing figures for the same quarter in the previous year



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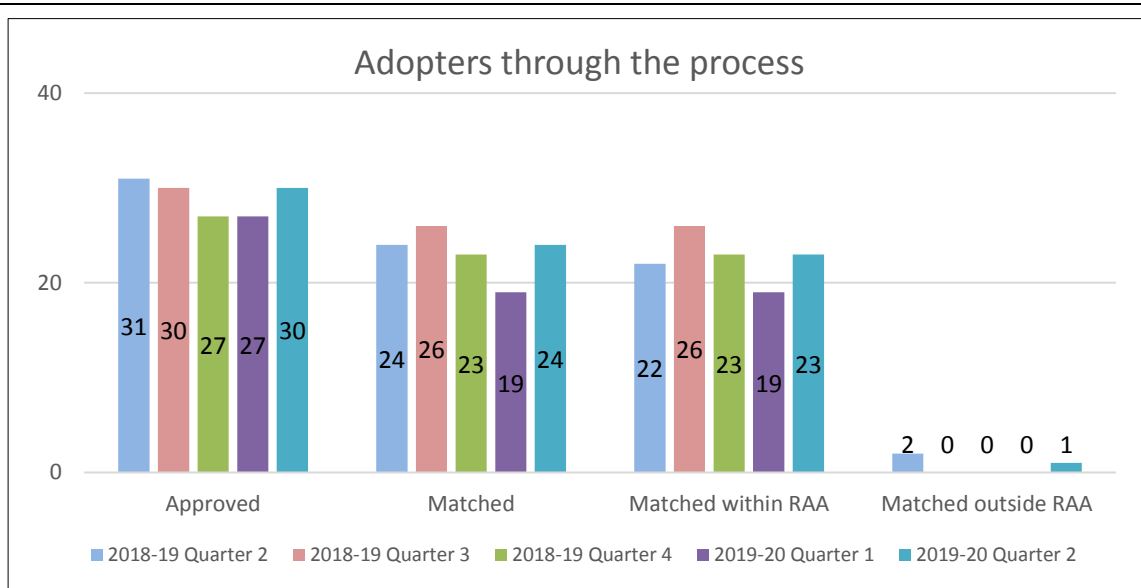
This graph shows the percentage of children leaving care who were adopted in the last 5 quarters, thus showing figures for the same quarter in the previous year

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 last 5 quarter to give comparison between same quarter in the previous year. Figures in bold are for current quarter, those in brackets are for the same quarter in the previous year.

How much did we do?	How well did we do it?
<p>During the quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 108 (107) prospective adoptive households attended information sessions• 51 (37) Families started Stage 1• 31 (28) prospective adoptive families attended preparation training• 22 (28) Families started Stage 2• 30 (28) prospective adoptive families were approved, of these, 1 (2) families were Foster Carer Adopters• 24 (24) prospective adoptive families were matched, of these, 1 (0) families were matched with children outside the RAA and 23 (19) were matched with children from within the RAA• 24 (20) prospective adoptive families had a child(ren) placed, of these, 1 (0) families had children placed from outside RAA and 23 (20) had children placed from within the RAA• 21 (22) adoptive families adopted a child/young person• 13 (11) Families withdrew from the process	<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 3 months<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 59% were within timescales (Lowest was 0 month, highest was 9 months)○ Those still in Stage 1 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 1 for an average of 2 months○ 66% 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 months<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 75% were within timescales (Lowest was 0 months, highest was 17 months)○ Those still in Stage 2 at the end of the quarter have been in Stage 2 for an average of 3 months○ 86% are within timescales <p>Of those approved 8 months was the average time between registration of interest and approval.</p> <p>16 (12) adoptive families were matched within three months of their approval; 8 (7) were matched after three months of their approval</p> <p>The average time taken from approval to matching was 3 (3) months</p>

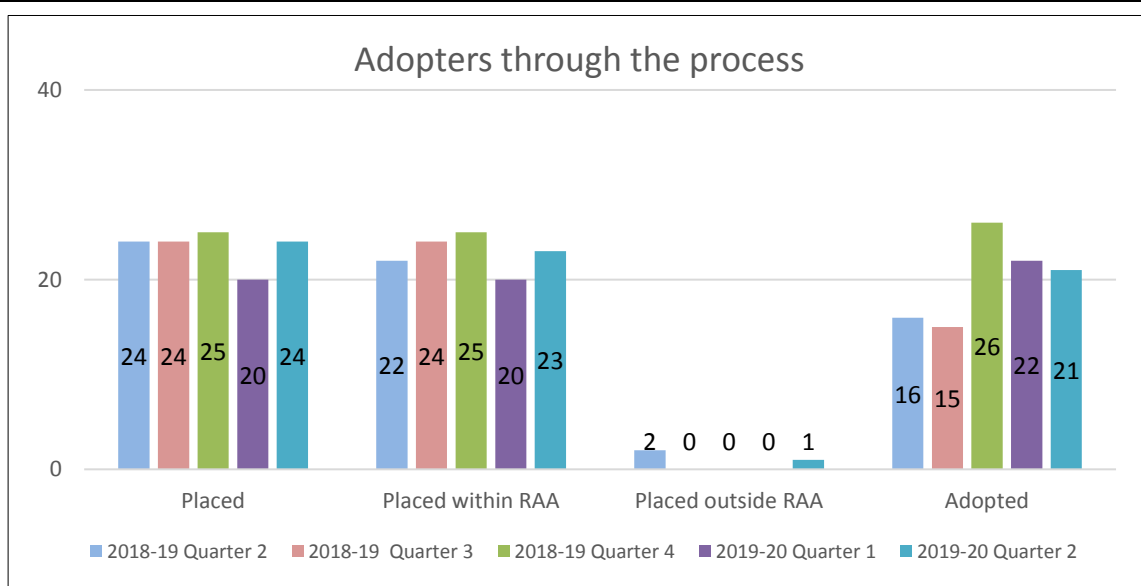
<p>How much did we do?</p> <p><i>At the end of the quarter</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 89 (92) individual approved adopters, 47 (48) are female and 42 (44) are male. 21, 24% (25%) are from a BME background • 100 (88) prospective adoptive families are not yet approved • 63 (46) prospective adoptive families are in stage one; 37 (42) are in stage two • 47 (47) approved adoptive families are yet to be matched <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7 (6) of these families have been waiting more than six months ○ 14 (10) of these families have a matching panel booked ○ 0 (0) of these families have a match identified but no panel date booked <p>13 (18) prospective adoptive families are on hold</p>	<p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the adopters approved in the period the average was 8 months which is a slight decrease. • The average time from approval to match has remained at 3 months.
<p>What would we like to do better?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 13 families on hold. We would like to progress these more quickly to stage 2 and are looking more closely at the reasons they are on hold 	<p>What difference did we make</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 families approved awaiting a match, have a matching panel booked • We have more adopters in the assessment process than in the same quarter last year



Commentary

This graph shows numbers of adopters going through the process from 2018-19 Quarter 2 through to 2019-20 Quarter 2

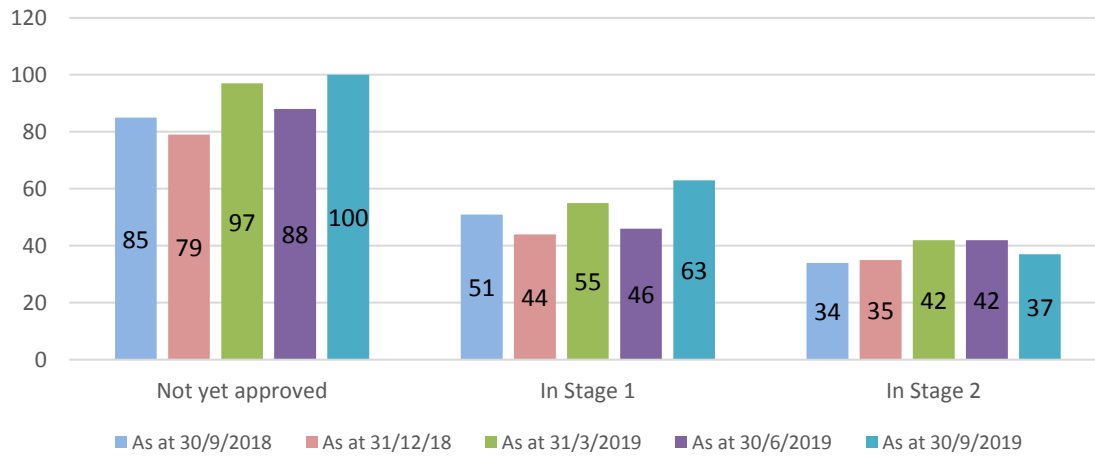
This provides a comparison of the same quarter in the previous year.



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Position at end of Quarter

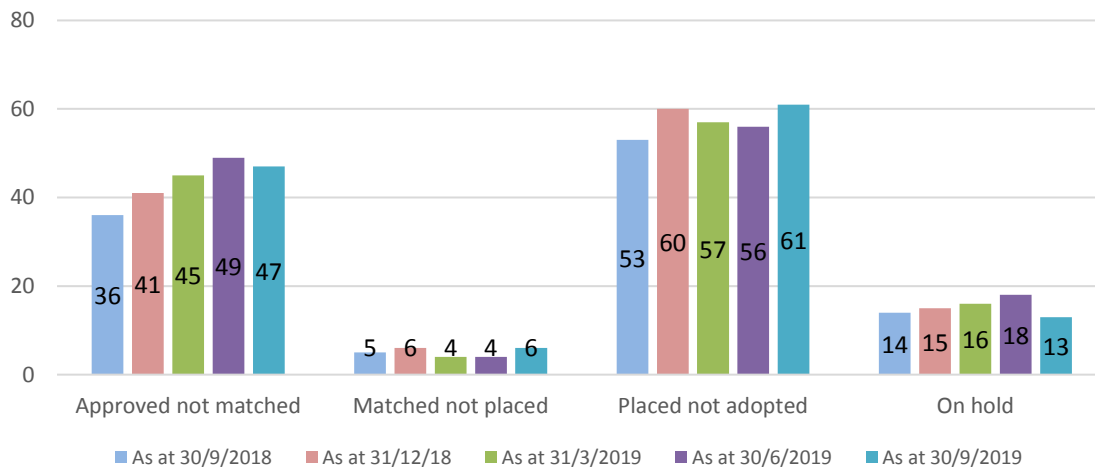


Commentary

This graph shows the number of adopters at various stages in the process at the end of each quarter. It shows the last 5 quarters so we can compare the same quarter in the previous year.

We have seen an increase in people entering the adoption process over the quarter. This will impact on the number of applicants in Stage Two of the process in the next quarter. This should result in an increase in approved adopters by Quarter 4.

Position at end of Quarter

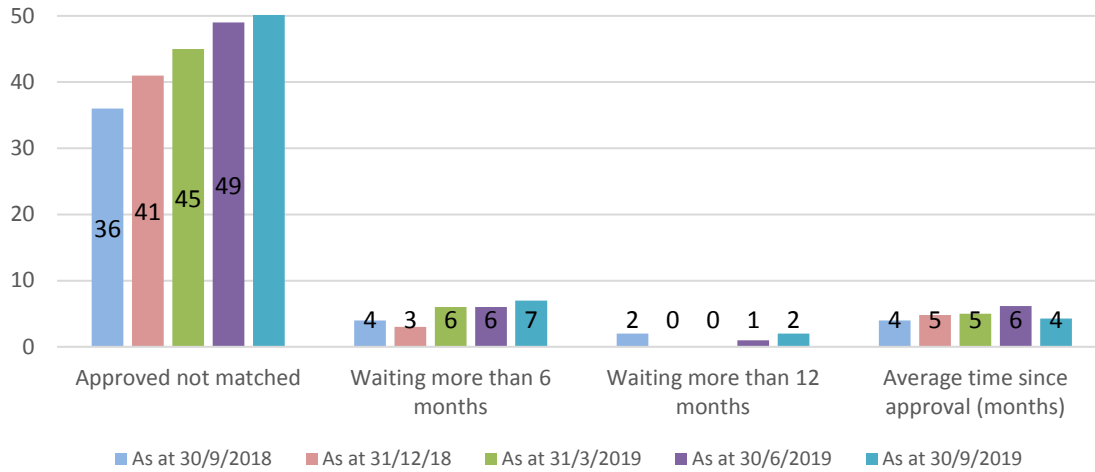


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We have seen a reduction in the number of people on hold in the quarter. We have responded to the data from the previous quarter to revisit the people on hold to ascertain whether this remained appropriate. Families were encouraged, where appropriate, to proceed or withdraw from the process.

Position and timelines at end of Quarter



Commentary

This graph shows the number of adopters approved and not matched at the end of each quarter and the timeliness. It shows the last 5 quarters so we can compare the same quarter in the previous year.

The number of adopters waiting more than 6 months has increased over the course of the last year and into this quarter. We need to understand the barriers to them being matched with children and identify support which can move them forward in the process. Families waiting longer generally have very specific matching criteria which impacts on the number of children they are able to consider.

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.

Characteristics of those adopters who are approved and not yet matched

Ethnicity	Number of individuals
Indian	10
Any other Asian background	2
Pakistani	7
Caribbean	2
White British	67
Any other White background	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	89
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	47

Religion	Number of individuals
Christian	39
Hindu	3
Muslim	8
No information available	24
Other	15
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	89
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS	47

Characteristics of children who have a decision but not yet matched (209), of these, 171 have a Placement Order

Ethnicity	Number of children
Any other Mixed background	7
White and Asian	4
White British	146
Any other White background	11
Gypsy/Roma	7
Pakistani	2
White and Black Caribbean	11
Any other ethnic group	12
Any other Asian background	1
Information not yet obtained	5
Indian	3
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	209

Children who wait longer (more than one characteristic)	Number of children
Part of a Sibling Group	121
With a Disability	4
BME	47
Aged 5 years +	37
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	209

52 Children have 2 of above characteristics

8 Children have 3 of above characteristics

Of those above

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Certain characteristics specified	Number of Households
Potential Match	14
Not specified any age group	1
Specified 0-4 years	48
Sibling groups	7
Specific Gender	0
Open to EPP	21

Adoption Support

This section is work in progress and requires further development.

Non Agency Adoption

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Appendix

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
2018-19	Quarter 2		55	31	24	31	24	24	16
2018-19	Quarter 3		67	34	26	30	26	24	15
2018-19	Quarter 4		84	51	35	27	23	25	26
2019-20	Quarter 1		75	36	26	27	19	20	22
2019-20	Quarter 2		96	51	22	30	24	24	21

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 30/9/2018	85	51	34	14	36	4	4
As at 31/12/2018	79	44	35	15	41	3	5
As at 31/3/2019	97	55	42	16	45	6	5
As at 30/6/2019	88	46	42	18	49	6	6
As at 30/9/2019	100	63	37	13	47	7	4