

# One Adoption West Yorkshire

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Adoption  
Agency  
WEST YORKSHIRE

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT  
2022 - 2023**



# THE CHILDREN

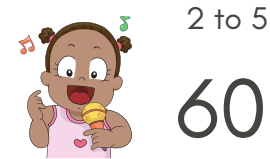
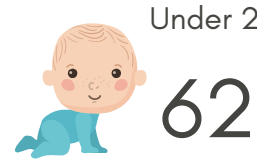
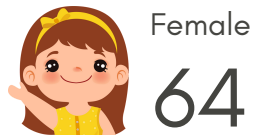
Number of children adopted in year	<b>181</b>	 <b>+14</b>
Number of ADMs in year	<b>244</b>	 <b>+47</b>
Number of POs in year	<b>172</b>	 <b>-5</b>
Number of children placed in year	<b>161</b>	 <b>-10</b>
Percentage of children placed with OAWY approved adopters	<b>73%</b>	 <b>0</b>
Number of children placed via Early Permanence	<b>23</b>	 <b>+10</b>
Percentage of children matched for adoption which were previously in EPPs	<b>11%</b>	 <b>1%</b>
Number of children at year end with ADM not matched	<b>242</b>	 <b>+72</b>

The number of children adopted and the number of children with an adoption plan are at their highest since the agency formed in 2017. Although Placement Orders and placements fell slightly, it is anticipated that these will increase early in 2023/24 following 89 new ADM decisions in Quarter 4; Placement Orders for these children will likely be made in Quarters 1 and 2. Of the 242 children with an adoption plan not matched, 143 have a Placement Order allowing them to be placed for adoption, the others remain within Care Proceedings. Of the 143 not yet matched, 50 have a potential adoptive family identified, leaving 93 children who are ready to be placed for adoption and for who active family finding is ongoing.



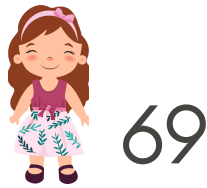
# THE CHILDREN - DEMOGRAPHICS

At year end there were 143 children with a placement order but not matched. Of those:



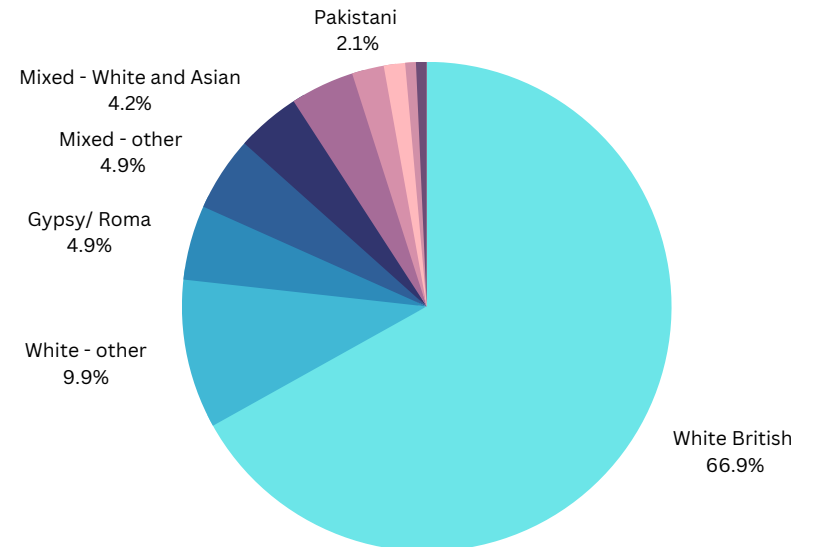
Part of a sibling group

Single child



## Ethnicity

White British	95	Mixed white and Asian	6
White -other	14	Pakistani	3
Gypsy/ Roma	7	Any other ethnic background	2
Mixed - other	7	Black African	1
Mixed White and Black Caribbean	6	White Irish	1



+ 1 not obtained

# THE CHILDREN - TIMESCALES

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**A10 indicator: *"The time taken between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, adjusted for those adopted by their foster carers"***



441 to 491 days (national target: 426 days)

**A2 indicator: *"The time taken from a local authority receiving court authority to place a child for adoption and a match to an adoptive family being agreed"***



219 to 232 days (national target: 121 days)

The increase in timescales has been impacted by a number of factors, including the falling number of adopters coming through for matching and the number of brothers and sisters needing to grow up in families together; there are fewer adopters able to consider more than one child. Staff turnover and vacancies in local authorities has also impacted on the progression of children's plans to adoption. Despite the challenges, the A2 indicator remains lower than in 2021, 2020 and 2019.

# FAMILY FINDING ONLINE PROFILING EVENTS

Date of Profile Event	Registrations	No of Profiles	Expressions of Interest	Matches booked to panel
Apr-22	148	12	74	3
Sep-22	222	16	62	3
Feb-23	220	13	75	1



*"These are an excellent addition to UK wide family finding, thank you for offering this service!"*

*"The event was well run and organised."*

*"Really helpful to see videos and listen to foster carers sharing their experiences."*

*"The videos were wonderful and a great insight into the child/children."*

# FAMILY FINDING FUN DAYS

Date of Profile Event	Registrations	No of children	Expressions of Interest	Matches booked to panel/EPP placement
May-22	21	17	13	1
Oct-22	63	23	18	1
Mar-23	65	30	6	1

*"It was great to be able to see children 'in real life' and get to interact with them and play with them."  
"It was a valuable and unique experience."*







*"The people running the event were lovely and did an amazing job."  
"It was our first experience of a day like this. We were very impressed."*



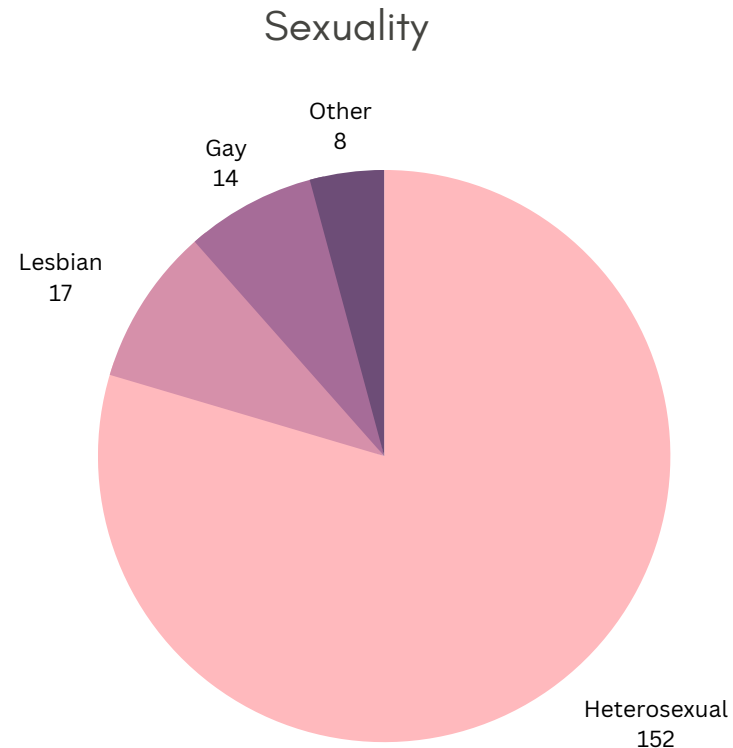
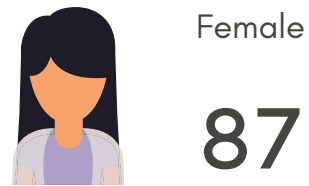
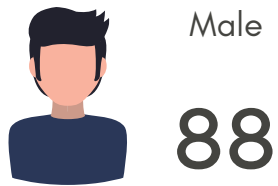
# ADOPTERS

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		Compared to previous year	
Number of Applications (ROI)	<b>151</b>		<b>+16</b>
Number of adopters matched	<b>89</b>		<b>-17</b>
Number of adopters approved in year	<b>101</b>		<b>-11</b>
Number of adopters in stage one at year end	<b>72</b>		<b>+7</b>
Number of adopters in stage two at year end	<b>33</b>		<b>-5</b>
Number of adopters approved not matched at year end (of these <b>17</b> have a matching panel booked)	<b>58</b>		<b>+4</b>

# DEMOGRAPHIC OF ADOPTERS APPROVED



1 in 6 adopters approved are LGBTQ+







# PANELS

88 panels

99 approvals

135 matches

# PANEL MEMBER DEMOGRAPHICS



Female

16

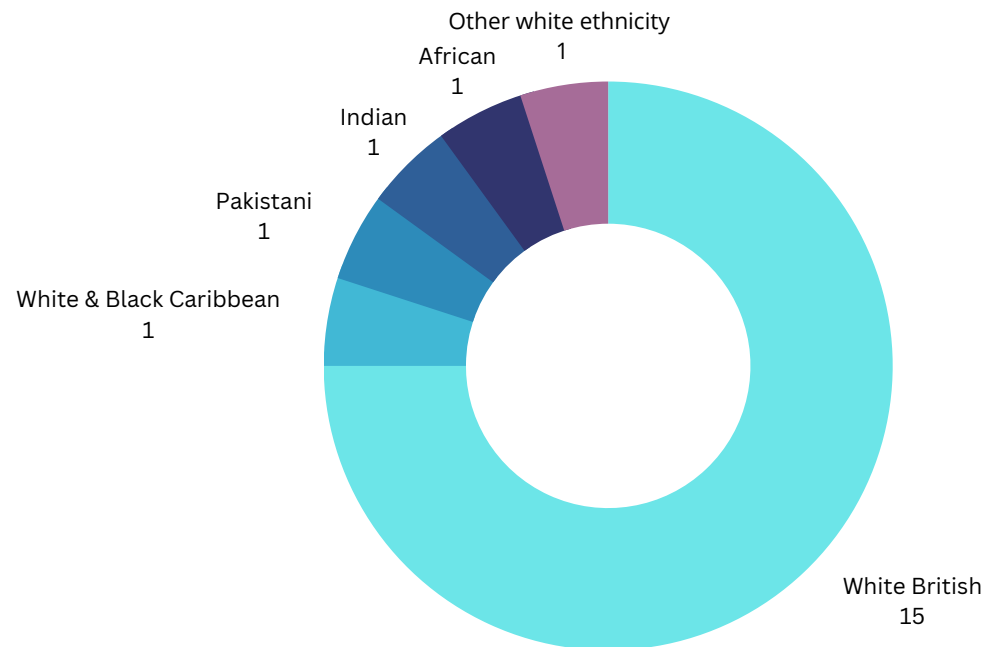


Male

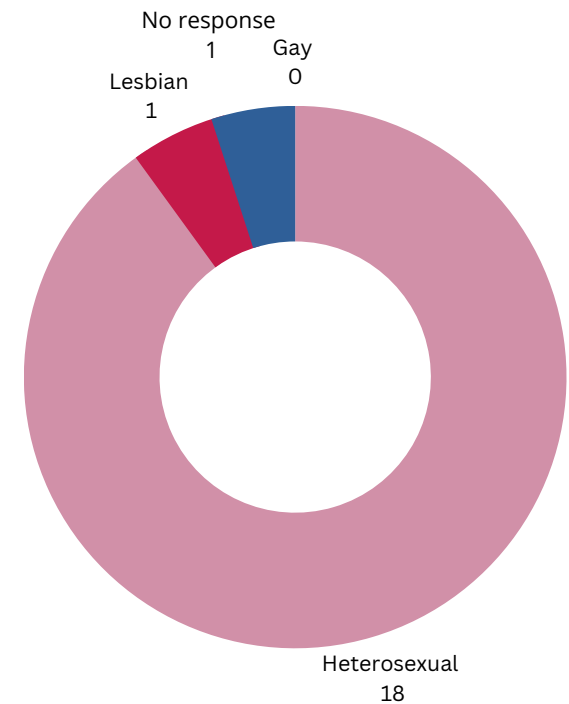
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+1 no response

### Ethnicity



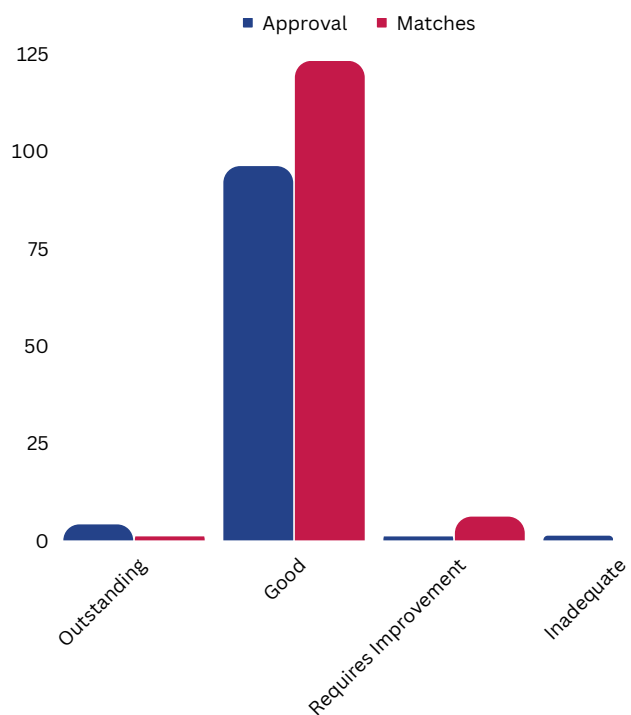
### Sexuality



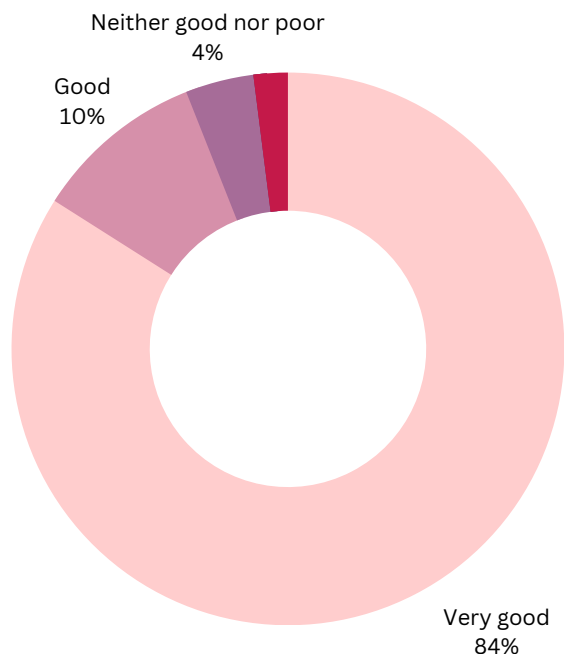


# PANEL - FEEDBACK

Panel member feedback on quality of paperwork



Panel attendee experience rating



"I felt that the panel itself was conducted really well with a friendly and professional approach. It was helpful to have the questions in advance of the meeting. I liked how there were people with a range of backgrounds who were members of the panel."

"The panel were all friendly and welcoming. The panel chairman put me at ease very quickly."

"Everything was explained well on the day & before. The panel covered a wide range of backgrounds & our social worker is brilliant!"

"The panel put us at ease and were clearly interested in listening to our answers and we felt they were genuinely interested in us and in considering whether we would be the best match for our child."

# ADOPTION SUPPORT



	2022/23	2021/22
Children and families receiving adoption support	851	↑ +11
File access requests	360	↑ +41
Applications to the Adoption Support Fund approved	674	↑ +50
ASF funding for therapeutic interventions	£2,531,949	↓ -£12,755
<b>6016</b> letters processed by the Letterbox team	<b>3438 incoming</b> <b>2578 outgoing</b>	↑ +13% ↑ +17%
People accessed independent support from <b>PAC-UK</b>	151	

Quarterly contract monitoring meetings take place with PAC-UK regarding the support they provide to Adult Adoptees, Birth and First Families.

# SUPPORT OFFER INCLUDES

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## **In person groups**

Stay & Plays  
Teens group  
Tweens groups  
Single adopters meet ups  
Welly Walk/Walk in the Woods  
Adopters Together

## **Online groups**

Adopter Chat  
All Dads  
Single Adopters  
TRECS

## **Webinars/Workshops**

Life Story work  
Contact & Identity  
Education-related  
Brain Based Parenting  
FASD

## **Parenting Programmes**

NVR  
Foundations for Attachment  
BUSS group  
Therapeutic Parenting  
Closer in Play  
6 months in  
Talking Teens  
Persevering Parents'



# MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM

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	<b>2022/23</b>
Referrals received	<b>208</b>
Formal consultations	<b>87</b>
Drop-in consultations	<b>86</b>
Informal conversations with social workers	<b>75</b>
Education helpline calls	<b>116</b>
Life story work helpline calls	<b>13</b>
Interventions offered by MDT, which include: Social Work support, assessments, supervisions, and therapeutic interventions.	<b>476</b>