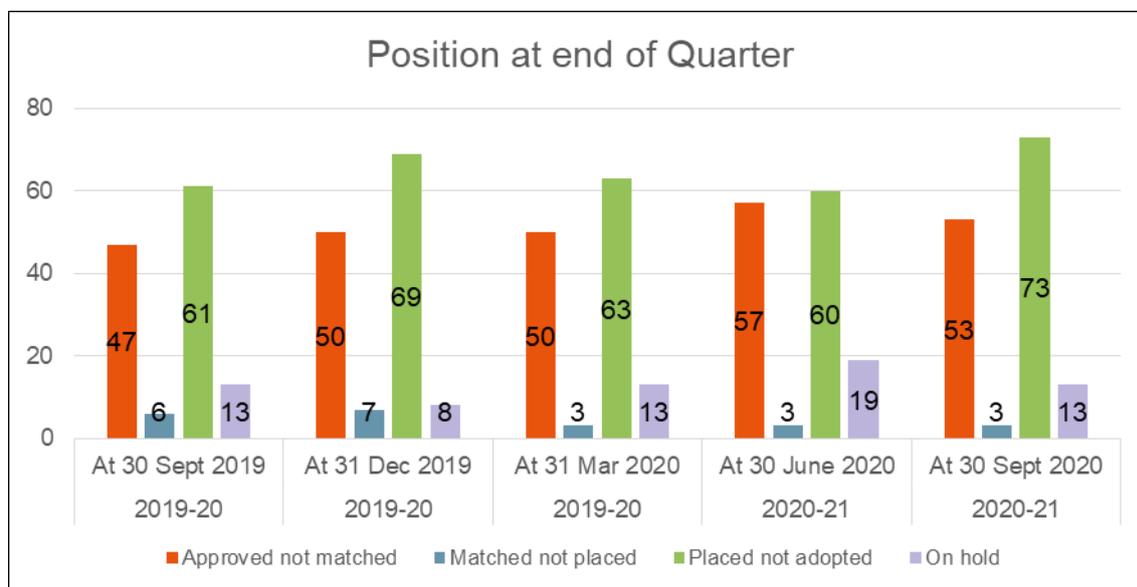
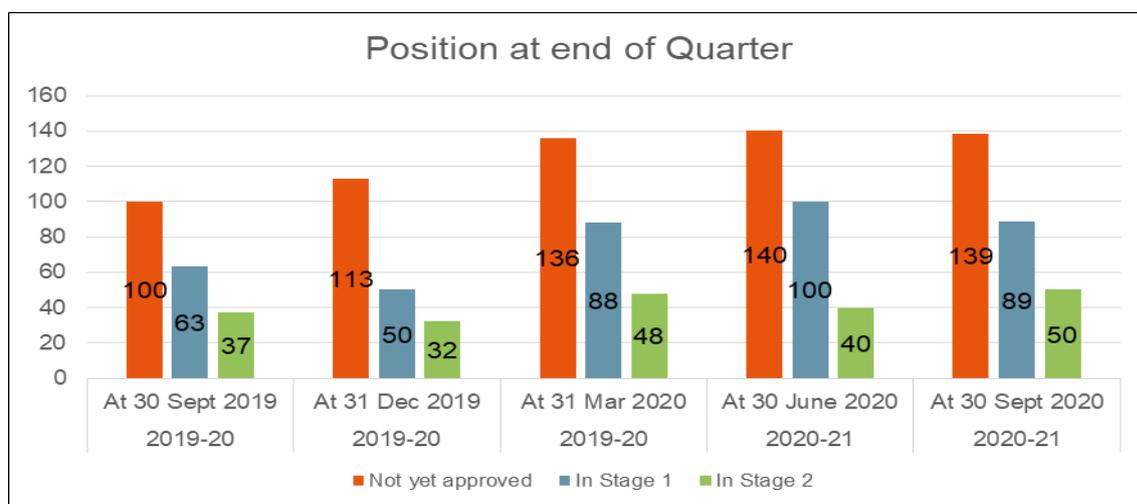




### Highlight Report on performance as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020– last 5 quarters

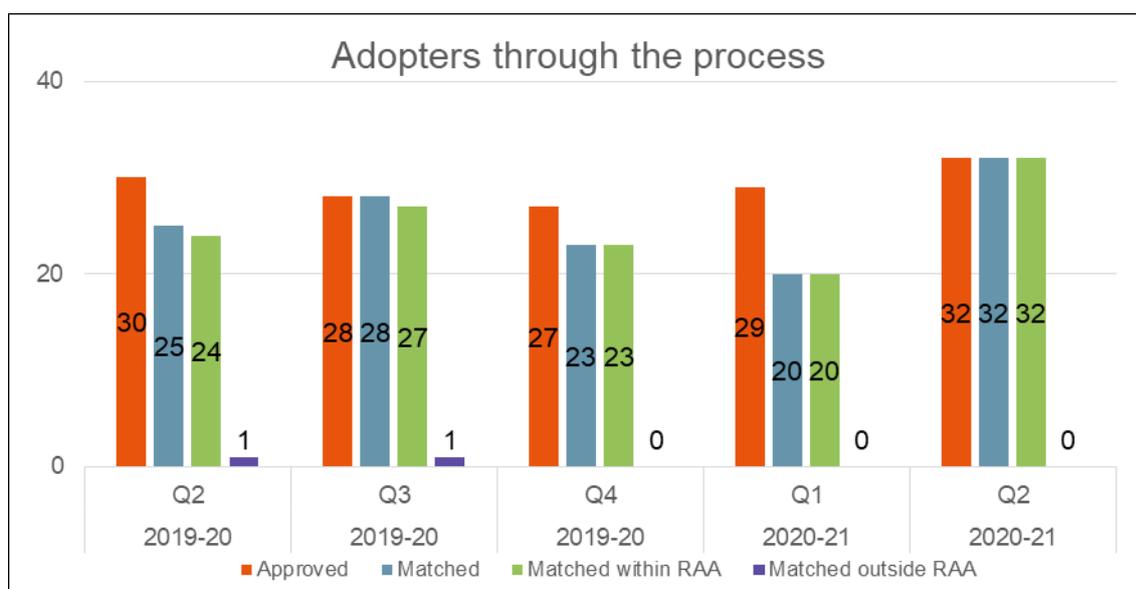
a) **Sufficiency:** Are enough of the right kind of adopters being recruited and approved to meet the needs of the children waiting?



## Adopters

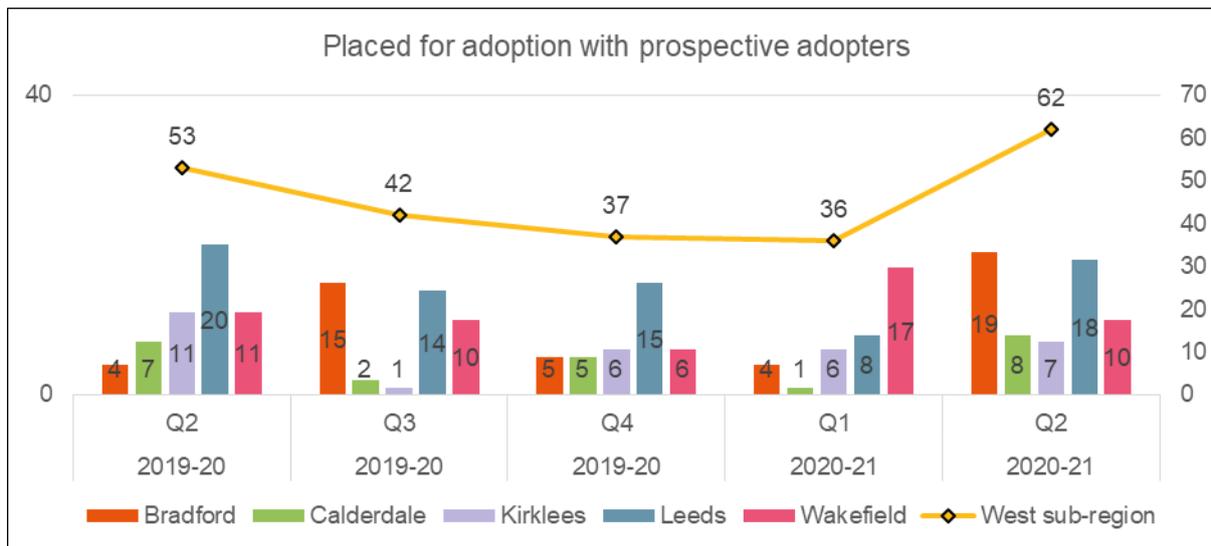
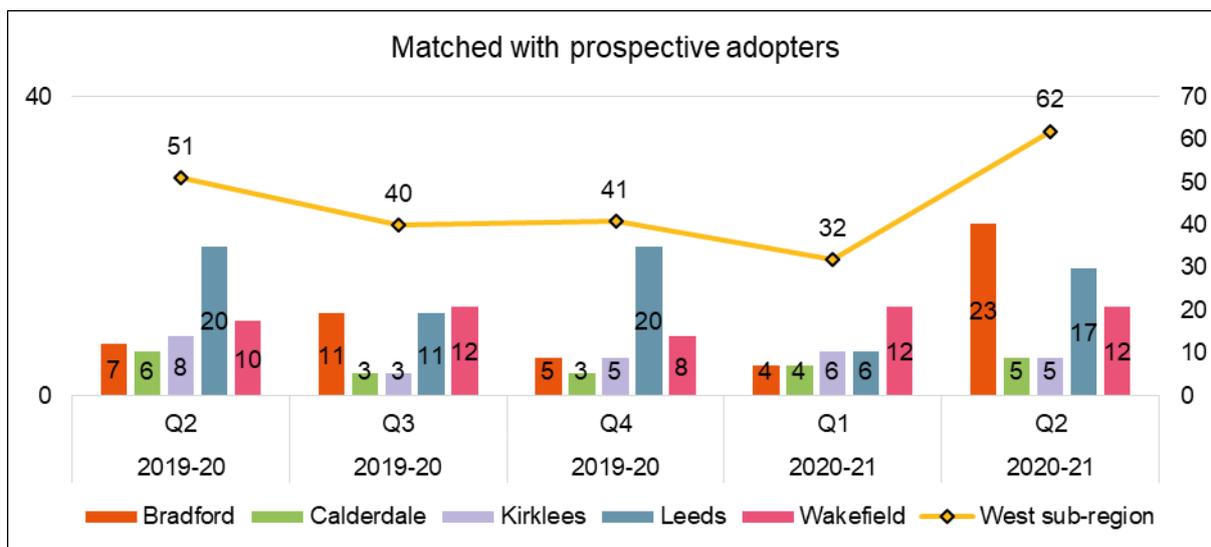
In the first 6 months of 2020/21:

- 87 adoptive families ended Stage 1 in the first 6 months of 2020/21 of which 58 were in Stage 1 for more than 2 months;
- 61 adoptive families were approved of which 15 were in Stage 2 for more than 4 months;
- 52 adoptive families have been matched with children, all of these being with children from the West Yorkshire region.



Within the 61 approved households (112 individuals), 12 individuals (11%) are from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. 9 (15%) households were approved for sibling groups and 16 (25%) households were open to an Early Permanence Placement.

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



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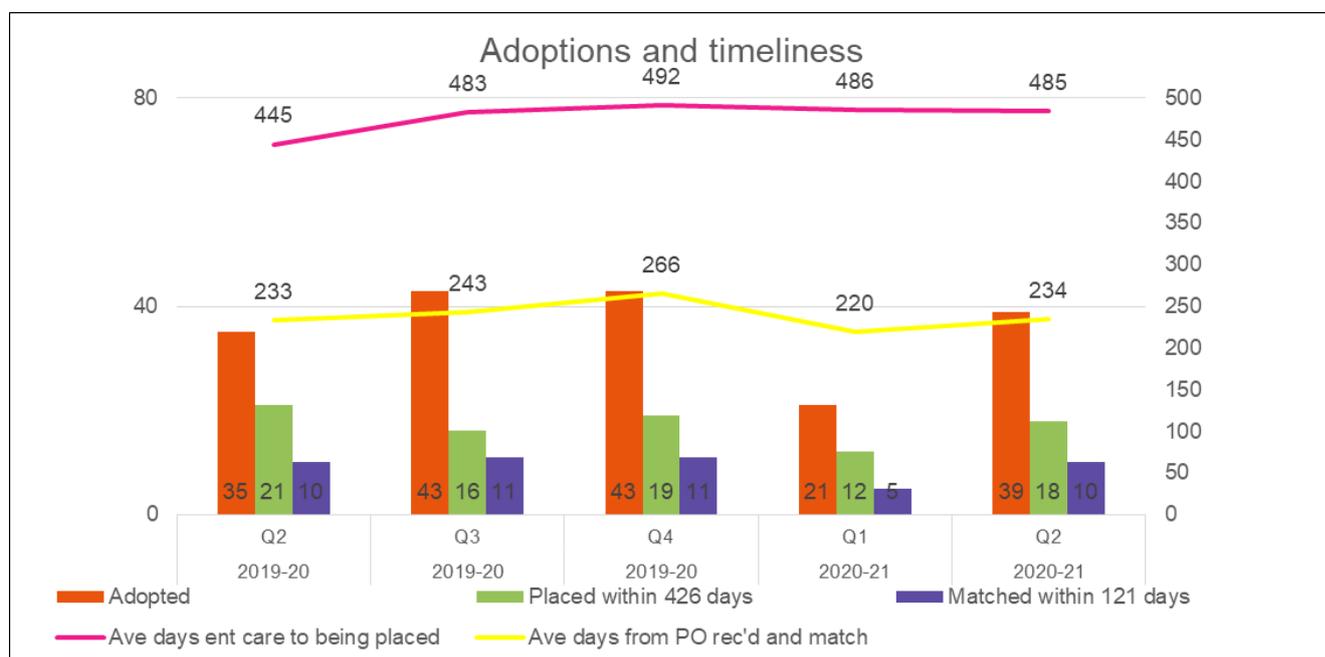
- 94 children were matched;
- Of which 55 (59%) were children who wait longer due to their needs (e.g. over the age of 5 years, sibling groups, BAME & children with disabilities).
- There was a delay due to the pandemic in placing children during the first quarter.

## Highlight Performance Report

The graph below is with regard to children adopted in the period. The A1 scorecard indicator for the 60 children adopted in the first 6 months of 2020/21 is 485 days which is above national indicator of 426 days.

The A2 scorecard indicator for the same children is 229 days which is still above national indicator of 121 days.

Of the 60 children adopted in the first 6 months of 2020/21, 33 (55%) were classed as children who wait longer, this affects the overall average timeliness.

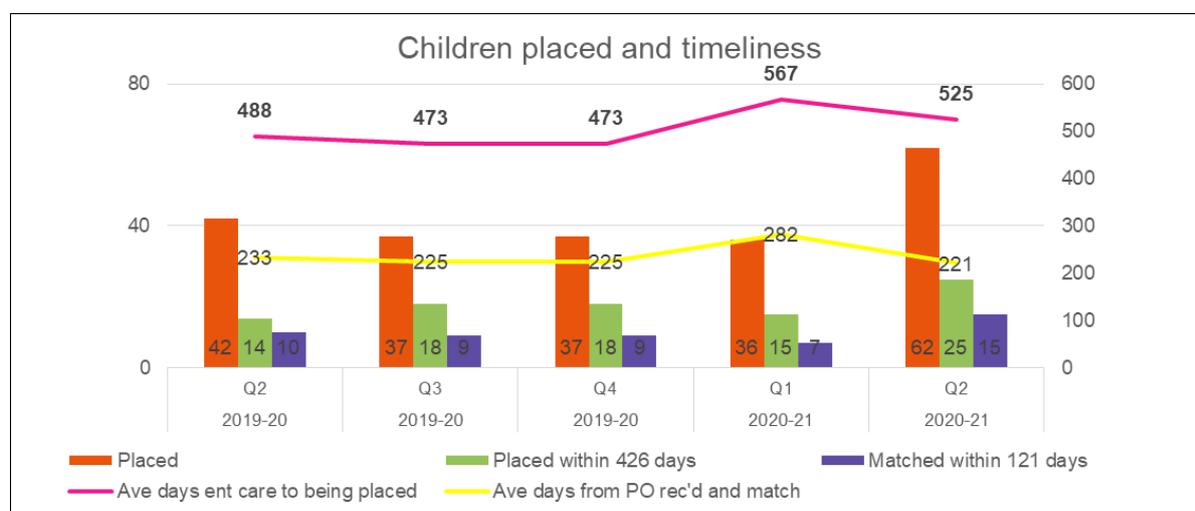


## Highlight Performance Report

The graph below is with regard to children placed in the period. The average time from entering care to being placed was 540 days for the children placed in the first 6 months of 2020/21.

Of the 98 children placed, 46 children took more than 500 days between entering care and being placed. If we remove these 46 children from the calculation it brings the average down to 346 days.

The average time from obtaining a placement order to being matched was 243 days for the same children.



Case examples of all the children placed (98) in the first 6 months of 2020/21:

59 were children who wait longer (e.g. classed by the DfE as harder to place children):

- 8 were aged 5+ years;
- 43 were part of a sibling group;
- 26 were Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME).

**A2 indicator of the children placed:**

**76 of the 98 children took more than 121 days from Placement Order to match:**

- Of the 76, 49 were children who wait longer.

**At the end of September 2020, 61 children have been waiting for at least 18 months since entering care and are not placed:**

Of these 61 children, 3 entered care between 2015 and 2016 – this is apparent in 1 LA and 1 child has been matched. 13 children entered care in 2017 – this is apparent in all LA's, none of these 13 children have been matched.

44 of the 61 children are children who wait longer (5+years old, sibling group, disability, BAME), of which 26 have more than one of these characteristics, thus 17 of the 61 children are not children who wait longer therefore further exploration to understand the issues of these 17 children is underway.