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REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR,
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Agenda Item No. 4

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF
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CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER
QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL
WORK PLAN 2018 /19**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to brief the Committee on the work being carried out by the Children Looked After Quality Assurance Panel. The Panel's function is to ensure the right children and young people are being brought into the children looked after system and that those who can return home from care do so as soon as possible.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Note the information contained within this report and the actions being taken to address areas of further improvement.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To provide the Committee with details of the actions being undertaken to safely reduce the number of Children Looked After (CLA) as appropriate.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The children looked after population within RCT has increased over the past five years from 621 in 2013 to 676 at the end of 2017-2018 financial year, an increase of 55 children. Over the years, however, the numbers and profile of the children and young people becoming looked after has changed and numbers have fluctuated with 2017-2018 seeing an overall decrease in admissions of 42% compared with the same period in 2016-2017. The profile of overall admissions in 2017-2018 also showed that of those children becoming looked after:
- 34% of children were under 1 years old
 - 55% of children were under 4 years old
 - 7% were 16+
- 4.2 The unpredictability of demand for children and young people becoming looked after continues to pose a key financial risk to the Council. The number of children looked after continues to be a priority within the service area being subject to continuous focus and action.
- 4.3 A Children Looked After Group was first established in 2010. The purpose being to provide the necessary scrutiny to this very vulnerable group of service users. Over the years the purpose and focus of the Group has changed due to new developments being introduced, and outcomes being achieved.
- 4.4 In 2017 a report by Practice Solutions: "The Review and Re-Focus of the Accommodation and Placement Provision for Children Looked After and Care Leavers", suggested that the Children Looked After Group needed to be reviewed again as its remit had become too broad and was beginning to distract it from its intended purpose. This resulted in the Children Looked After Quality Assurance Panel being set up. The aim of the panel was to ensure that children looked after and care leavers in RCT achieved their potential and received good quality placements that support them to live safe, healthy and fulfilled lives. The key areas of focus of the panel were:
- **Prevention** - essentially this is identifying key actions that will enable the service to prevent children entering the children looked after system. This includes examining the effectiveness of existing prevention work and developing new initiatives on the basis of national evidence of effectiveness.
 - **Child's journey in Care** - with a focus on ensuring that rehabilitation or community based options are actively pursued in relation to each child looked after at any given time.
 - **Discharge from Care** - this focuses on children leaving the care system permanently and can include SGO, adoption or the discharge of care orders.

- **Commissioning mix** - This includes issues such as making our residential facilities and foster carers more effective, increasing the number of in-house foster carers and negotiating with external providers.
- **Partner influences** - this requires working with partner agencies who have particular influence on children becoming or staying in the looked after system i.e. Courts, CAFCASS, Legal Services, CAMHS

4.5 The overall governance of the Panel is facilitated by Children's Services Senior Managers and includes partners from Health and Education and Housing.

5. CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER QUALITY ASSURANCE PANEL WORK PLAN 2018-2019

5.2 The Children Looked After Quality Assurance (CLAQA) Panel's key objectives and actions as contained in the Work Plan for 2018-2019.

Objective 1
To develop a framework of quantitative and qualitative performance information that supports robust analysis of current placement provision in RCT.
Objective 2
To monitor the children looked after budget, highlighting areas of financial pressure and identifying areas where improvements in the use of resources can be made.
Objective 3
To identify a commissioning mix and range of placements that support children looked after and care leavers to achieving positive outcomes.
Objective 4
To promote engagement with children looked after and partner agencies to ensure co-production and that the voice of children and young people is heard.
Objective 5
To monitor and drive service change and improvement.

- 5.3 The detailed CLAQA Panel's Work Plan 2018-2019 is attached (see Appendix 1) for consideration. The work plan outlines, in detail, the actions required to deliver the outcomes noted above.
- 5.4 The revised Management Information Report that supports and informs the work of the CLAQA Panel can also be found in Appendix 2.

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 (Public Sector Single Equality Duty) requires public authorities to demonstrate in decision making that they have paid 'due regard' to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it;
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 6.2 The United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child also requires the Council to demonstrate that decision making has paid due regard to the rights of children and young people.
- 6.3 An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the contents of the report are for information purposes only.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Consultation with children looked after, care leavers and partner agencies are integral to the work of the CLAQA Panel. A number of consultation activities are noted within the work plan, some having been completed e.g. the Bright Spots Survey with further consultation to be conducted throughout 2018-2019.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no adverse financial implications associated with this report.

8 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The legislation and guidance that underpins the work of the CLAQA Panel is as follows:
- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014
 - SSWB Act Part 6 Code of Practice (Looked After and Accommodated children) 2014

- The Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (Wales) Regulations 2015 ('the CPPCR Regulations')

9. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 The work of the CLAQA Panel supports the implementation of the Children's Services Delivery Plan 2018-2019 priority to ensure that children that cannot live with their own parents live in suitable accommodation in RCT.
- 9.2 This links to the Council's priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan 2016 of promoting independence and positive lives for everyone, ensuring a great start in life for every child and that young people are well prepared for adulthood.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 In general the rates of children becoming looked after needs to continue to be a priority within the service area. However, it is important that we continue to prioritise a safe reduction in CLA numbers and to deliver the best possible outcomes for the children and young people of RCT. The reasons why children become looked after are complex and include the complex interaction of demographic and socio economic trends as well as factors connected to the way the local area organises and deploys its services to vulnerable children and families. This therefore would require us to continually monitor how we undertake this function.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers – none

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AIM Appendix 1
Children looked after and care leavers in RCT receive good quality placements that support them to live safe, healthy and fulfilled lives and to achieve their potential.
HOW WILL WE DO IT?
Objective 1 - To develop a framework of quantitative and qualitative performance information that supports robust analysis of current placement provision in RCT.
Objective 2 - To monitor the children looked after budget, highlighting areas of financial pressure and identifying areas where improvements in the use of resources can be made.
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OBJECTIVE 1 - TO DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK OF QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA THAT ENABLES ROBUST ANALYSIS OF CURRENT PLACEMENT PROVISION IN RCT.

ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	OWNER	PROGRESS
Review current performance information provision from the Management Information Team, Placement Officers, Contract Monitoring Officer, Reviewing Team, Complaints Team and in relation to adoption.	22/1/18	26/2/18	Catherine Tyler	Completed.
Liaise with Cwm Taf LSB to ensure streamlining of CLA sub-group performance information requirements.	7/3/18	Sept 2018	Catherine Tyler	Meeting held with HoS Safeguarding, the Board are currently reviewing the information captured as apart of the CTSB Quality Assurance and Performance Framework.
Liaise with the 4Cs to ensure streamlining of data requirements and avoid duplication.	May 2018	Sept 2018	Catherine Tyler	Meeting to be arranged when we have agreed our data requirements.
Agree CLA QA key performance information requirements and targets (quantitative and qualitative) going forward. This will include but is not limited to areas highlighted in the CLAQA Terms of Reference.	22/1/18	Phase 1 April 18 Phase 2	Catherine Tyler/ Nicola Free	Phase 1 - revised performance information template agreed at CLAQA Panel - completed. Phase 2 info requirements, to be implemented as part of the phase 2 WCCIS implementation. WCCIS phase 2 implementation to commence approx November 2018.
Compile performance information on the timeliness of PEPS. Consider further information captured by Education (e.g. info provided to Corporate Parenting Board). Incorporate into QA Framework on a ¼ basis.	June 2018	Nov 2018	Catherine Tyler	Following discussion with MI Team, information to be incorporated into phase 2 of the data/information provision to CLA QA. PEPs to be recorded on WCCIS - approx start date November 2018.

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Compile performance information on the timeliness of health assessments, need to consider further health indicators to be monitored going forward. Ensure clear mechanisms are established for capturing the information. Incorporate into QA Framework on a ¼ basis.	June 2018	Nov 2018	Catherine Tyler	Following discussion with MI Team, information to be incorporated into Phase 2 of the data/information provision to CLAQA. Health assessments to be recorded on WCCIS approx start date November 2018.
Develop a framework to capture the agreed performance information (quantitative and qualitative). Ensure reflects wider Children's Services QA Framework under development.	22/1/18	October 2018	Catherine Tyler	Revised performance information template brought to CLAQA Panel for discussion - agreement achieved re quantitative element. Qualitative element to be finalised to include survey feedback. (Inc. Bright Spots and Annual Social Services Survey).
Use survey information (both annual and targeted surveys e.g. Bright Spots) to inform the analysis of service quality and improve delivery.	May 2018	October 2018	Catherine Tyler	Bright Spots survey completed on the 28/2/2017. Feedback report presented 30 th April 2018. Currently analysing the report and developing our response to children and young people.
Undertake focused audits where performance information has highlighted potential for improvement/ or an area of concern. Develop actions to support service improvements. Audit work plan 2018-2019: areas identified for audit: 1. Children under 2 years of age who become looked after - areas of risk identified. 2. 3+ placement moves with particular focus on moves following emergency placements. 3. To look at the reasons identified for young people 16+ years coming into care.	Start 23/4/18 May 2018	Ongoing August 2018	Catherine Tyler Catherine Tyler	Audit work plan finalised. Work on audit 1 commenced.

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OBJECTIVE 2 - TO MONITOR THE CLA BUDGET, HIGHLIGHTING AREAS OF FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE USE OF RESOURCES CAN BE MADE.

ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	OWNER	PROGRESS
Review current financial information provision.	22/1/18	26/2/18	Lee Owen	Completed
Agree CLAQA financial information/ budget monitoring requirements going forward.	22/1/18	30/3/18	Lee Owen	Revised budget information template agreed at CLAQA Panel - completed.
CLA budget - to include additional payments and financial contributions from education and health.	22/1/18	Nov 2018	Lee Owen	Following discussion information to be incorporated into Phase 2 of the data/information provision to CLAQA. To link to phase 2 WCCIS implementation.

OBJECTIVE 3 - TO IDENTIFY A COMMISSIONING MIX AND RANGE OF PLACEMENTS THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE LEAVERS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES.

ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	OWNER	PROGRESS
Undertake a profiling of the needs of children looked after (according to age and placement type) in order to understand their needs and explore bespoke models of support (within a LA placement or with family/friends).	9/3/18		Judith Davis/ Catherine Tyler	Information provided to 4Cs to support the development of the Placement Strategy for RCT. 4Cs currently undertaking an initial analysis of the information provided. Meeting to be held in July to scope the project and agree timescales.

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Develop an accommodation strategy for care leavers which is co-produced with young people. Consider the framework set out in the Barnardo's accommodation strategy.	20/3/18	October 2018	Catherine Tyler/ Tracy Prosser	Initial workshop held 4/5/2018 with housing to develop a Housing/ Accommodation Strategy for young people 16+ years. Draft strategy ready for wider consultation to be completed by July 2018.
Undertake an evaluation of the use of a forecasting model to project the future CLA population. (Need to consider accuracy/reliability etc)	April 2018	June 2018	Lee Owen	Decision to focus on developing our own trend data, rather than importing a forecasting model.
Use information to inform future commissioning strategy and developments in service delivery (e.g. foster carer recruitment etc).		Ongoing	Ann Batley	

OBJECTIVE 4 - ENGAGEMENT WITH CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND PARTNERS AGENCIES TO ENSURE CO-PRODUCTION AND THAT THE VOICE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IS HEARD.

ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	OWNER	PROGRESS
Analyse information gathered in respect of children and young people's voice, choice and control. Utilise audits, surveys, complaints/compliments collated etc. Ensure information is incorporated into the Children's Services QA Framework under development and informs future service development.	22/1/18	October 2018	Catherine Tyler	Initial meeting held with Jayne Thomas - Complements and Complaints Further consideration to be given to the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bright Spots Survey feedback report presented 30th April 2018. IPC research report analysing outcomes for children with a Care Order feedback due 22/5/18. Information captured in the Annual Social Service survey.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data provided by NYAS Advocacy Provider Blue Print Forum Fostering Service Annual Review
Review the current methods of communication used to engage with CLA and care leavers (including RCT's Two Sides website). Identify barriers to engagement and ways forward.	October 2018	January 2019	Catherine Tyler	

OBJECTIVE 5 - TO MONITOR AND DRIVE SERVICE CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT.

ACTION	START DATE	END DATE	OWNER	PROGRESS
Care Leavers (16+) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a range of accommodation and placement options for care leavers aged 16-25 that supports a transitional move into full independence. Develop a strategy to support a range of employment opportunities for care leavers. 	20/3/18	October 2018	Catherine Tyler/ Tracy Prosser	<p>Initial workshop held 4/5/2018 with housing to develop a Housing/ Accommodation Strategy for young people 16+ years. Draft strategy for wider consultation to be completed by end of July 2018.</p> <p>Meeting scheduled for the 23rd May with partners.</p>
<u>Independence for Care Leavers (16+)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a review of the independent living programme, link to the Housing/ Accommodation Strategy. Develop a comprehensive support package for care leavers: inc; production of a handbook, development of independent living skills, tenancy readiness etc Develop a targeted family support programme to support young 	April 18 October 2018 October	October 2018	Tracy Prosser	To link to work being undertaken with Voices From Care re support for Care Leavers.

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<p>people intending to return home when they reach 16-18 years. (Link to residential provision).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transition into adult services 	2018			
	March 2019	To be agreed		Initial steps have been completed following the transition review undertaken by IPC- in particular the creation of a single transition panel.
<p>Placement Referral and Matching</p> <p>Review placement referral and matching process with the aim of improve the quality of placements. Record placement activity in phase 2 WCCIS implementation</p>	May 2018	Sept 2018	Anne-Marie Browning	<p>Senior Practitioner Placements to support the review of the placement referral and matching process.</p> <p>New appointment commenced in post 8/5/2018.</p>
<p>Residential</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore models of service delivery in residential provision. Explore the demand/viability of developing/ commissioning mother and baby assessment placements. Develop a process to access mother and baby placements. 	July 2018	To be agreed	Sheryn Edwards/ Anne-Marie Browning	<p>Link to the 4Cs in relation to the Placement Strategy.</p> <p>Link with Welsh Government - Improving Outcomes for Children Looked After.</p>
<p>Fostering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the therapeutic skills of foster carers. Enhance the knowledge of foster carers in relation to attachment theory. Important given the increasing number of children coming into care aged 0-3 years Develop a peer-peer buddying foster care support model Develop a support care fostering model 	Sept 2017 Ongoing two year programme.		Sheryn Edwards/ Anne-Marie Browning	<p>Linked to the work being undertaken as part of the Regional Fostering and Wellbeing Project. (RCT/ Merthyr and the Fostering Network) A Regional Development Manager is being recruited. A work programme has been developed.</p>
<p>Family Therapists & Clinical Psychologists (Edge of Care funding)</p> <p>Incorporate into a therapeutic framework, monitor implementation and agree performance measures</p>	April 2018	Dec 2018	Matthew Free	<p>Being implemented with further elements of the plan being developed.</p> <p>Recruitment underway and due to be finalised in</p>

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				October 2018. To link to the work being undertaken as part of the Regional Fostering and Wellbeing Project.
Reflect Programme Monitor the development and implementation of the regional Reflect Project - agree performance measures that include but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reduction in the number of families who experience multiple children becoming looked after. • A reduction in the no/% of CLA and Care Leavers in Court proceedings. 	21.3.18	July 2018	Tracy Prosser	Operational from the 1/4/2018, operational group established. Pathways to access support agreed. Strategic group which includes representatives from Bridgend and Merthyr monitoring programme implementation.
SGO Project Monitor the implementation of the SGO Project. Key measure: increase in the number of SGOs progressed on an annual basis (Project target 30)	Jan 2018	March 2019	Sheryn Edwards/ Catherine Tyler	Both practitioners are now in post. Project implementation plan is underway, Ongoing monitoring against the agreed performance indicators.
Life Story Work Monitor the implementation of Life Story Work across the looked after population.	June 2018	March 2019	Matthew Free	Implementation group to be established. Review the current use of Life Story work with the looked after population. Implementation Plan to be developed. Monitor implementation.

Management Information Report

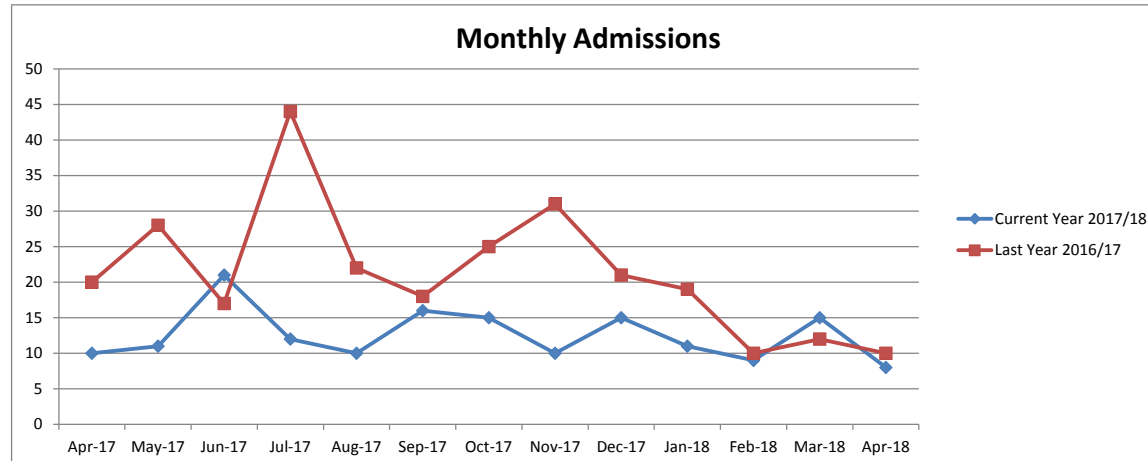
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Children Looked After Quality Assurance Panel

ADMISSION TO CARE

Monthly CLA by Service Areas Apr 17- Apr 18

Monthly CLA Admissions	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
Current Year 2017/18	10	11	21	12	10	16	15	10	15	11	9	15	8	163
Last Year 2016/17	20	28	17	44	22	18	25	31	21	19	10	12	10	277

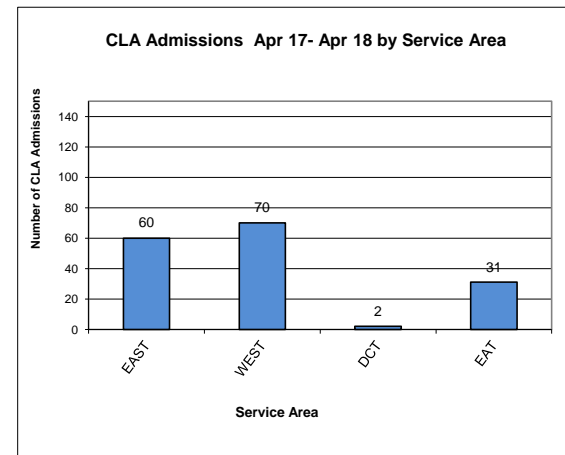


The number of CLA admissions during the period Apr 17 to Mar 18 has decreased when compared to the same period of 2016/17, from 267 in 16/17 to 155 in 17/18, a 42% decrease in admissions.

During the current year, numbers of admissions have fluctuated with our lowest figure being 8 in April 18 and the highest of 21 in June. In comparison to the previous year, most months ranged from at least 20 admissions with the highest of 44 being recorded for July 16.

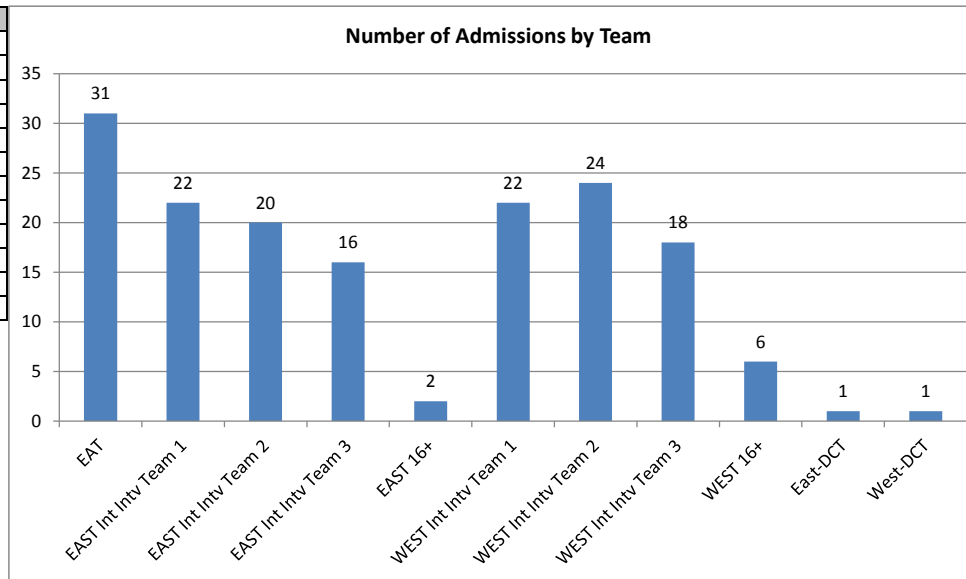
The West service area had more admissions between Apr17-Apr18 with 43% of overall admissions .

CLA Admissions Apr 17 - Apr 18	Total	% of Admissions
EAST	60	37%
WEST	70	43%
DCT	2	1%
EAT	31	19%
Total	163	100%



Children Becoming Looked After Apr 17-Apr 18 17 by Team

Team	Number of Admissions	% of Admissions
EAT	31	19%
EAST Int Intv Team 1	22	13%
EAST Int Intv Team 2	20	12%
EAST Int Intv Team 3	16	10%
EAST 16+	2	1%
WEST Int Intv Team 1	22	13%
WEST Int Intv Team 2	24	15%
WEST Int Intv Team 3	18	11%
WEST 16+	6	4%
East-DCT	1	1%
West-DCT	1	1%
Total	163	100%



The highest number of admissions were taken by West 2 with 24 children taken into care (15%). East 1 & West 1 had 22 admissions each in the period with other Intensive Intervention teams having between 16 to 20.

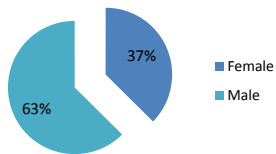
The 16+ teams had 8 admissions and DCT teams had 2 over the period.

Enquiry and Assessment have had 31 children admitted into care over the last year (19%). 6 of these children were subject to PPO's.

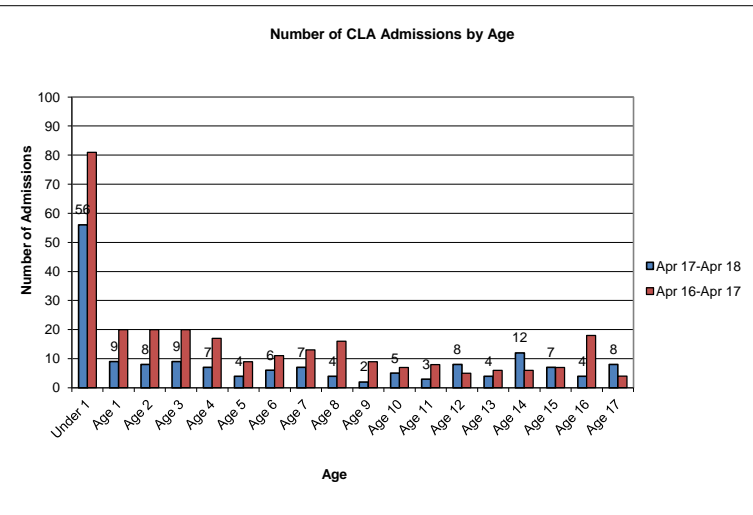
Children Becoming Looked After Apr 17 - Apr 18 by Age & Gender

Gender	Number of Admissions
Female	61
Male	102
Total	163

Number of Admissions by Gender



Age at Point of BLA	Apr 17-Apr 18	% of Admissions	Apr 16-Apr 17	% of Admissions
Under 1	56	34%	81	29%
Age 1	9	6%	20	7%
Age 2	8	5%	20	7%
Age 3	9	6%	20	7%
Age 4	7	4%	17	6%
Age 5	4	2%	9	3%
Age 6	6	4%	11	4%
Age 7	7	4%	13	5%
Age 8	4	2%	16	6%
Age 9	2	1%	9	3%
Age 10	5	3%	7	3%
Age 11	3	2%	8	3%
Age 12	8	5%	5	2%
Age 13	4	2%	6	2%
Age 14	12	7%	6	2%
Age 15	7	4%	7	3%
Age 16	4	2%	18	6%
Age 17	8	5%	4	1%
Total	163	100%	277	100%



34% of admissions are children aged under 1 year old. Trends show that this age group continues to have the highest number of admissions.

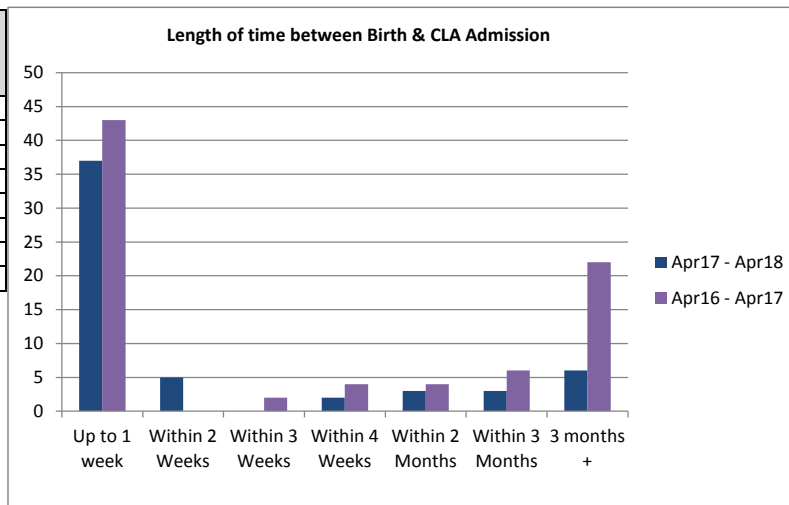
Compared to the previous year, the under 1 age group figure has dropped but the percentage is higher relative to the overall admission figure. The rate of decrease in overall admissions has been faster than the under 1 admissions.

The number of children aged 1-4 has dropped compared to last years figures, from 77 children (28%) to 33 children (20%).

Length of time between Birth & CLA admission

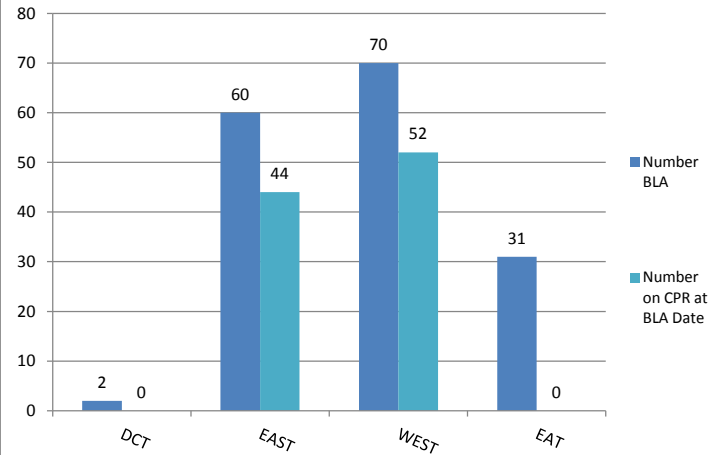
Length of Time between birth & CLA Admission for those children aged under 1 at the point of BLA	Apr17 - Apr18	Apr16 - Apr17
Up to 1 week	37	43
Within 2 Weeks	5	0
Within 3 Weeks	0	2
Within 4 Weeks	2	4
Within 2 Months	3	4
Within 3 Months	3	6
3 months +	6	22
Total	56	81

There has been a drop in the overall number of admissions for children aged under 1 years old. Comparisons to the same period last year show the highest number are brought into care within the first week after birth. The second highest age group are those babies aged 3 months + although there has been a noticeable drop in numbers when compared to 2016/17.



Cases on CPR at Time of Admission

Service Area	Number BLA	Number on CPR at BLA Date	Admissions where child was on CPR
DCT	2	0	0%
EAST	60	44	73%
WEST	70	52	74%
EAT	31	0	0%
Total	163	96	59%



Age at Point of BLA	Number of Admissions	Number on CPR at BLA	% CPR at BLA
Under 1	56	46	82%
Age 1	9	5	56%
Age 2	8	4	50%
Age 3	9	5	56%
Age 4	7	6	86%
Age 5	4	4	100%
Age 6	6	5	83%
Age 7	7	5	71%
Age 8	4	1	25%
Age 9	2	0	0%
Age 10	5	2	40%
Age 11	3	1	33%
Age 12	8	4	50%
Age 13	4	1	25%
Age 14	12	6	50%
Age 15	7	0	0%
Age 16	4	0	0%
Age 17	8	1	13%
Total	163	96	59%

Out of the 163 CLA admissions over the last year; 96 (59%) children were on the CPR at the point of coming into care.

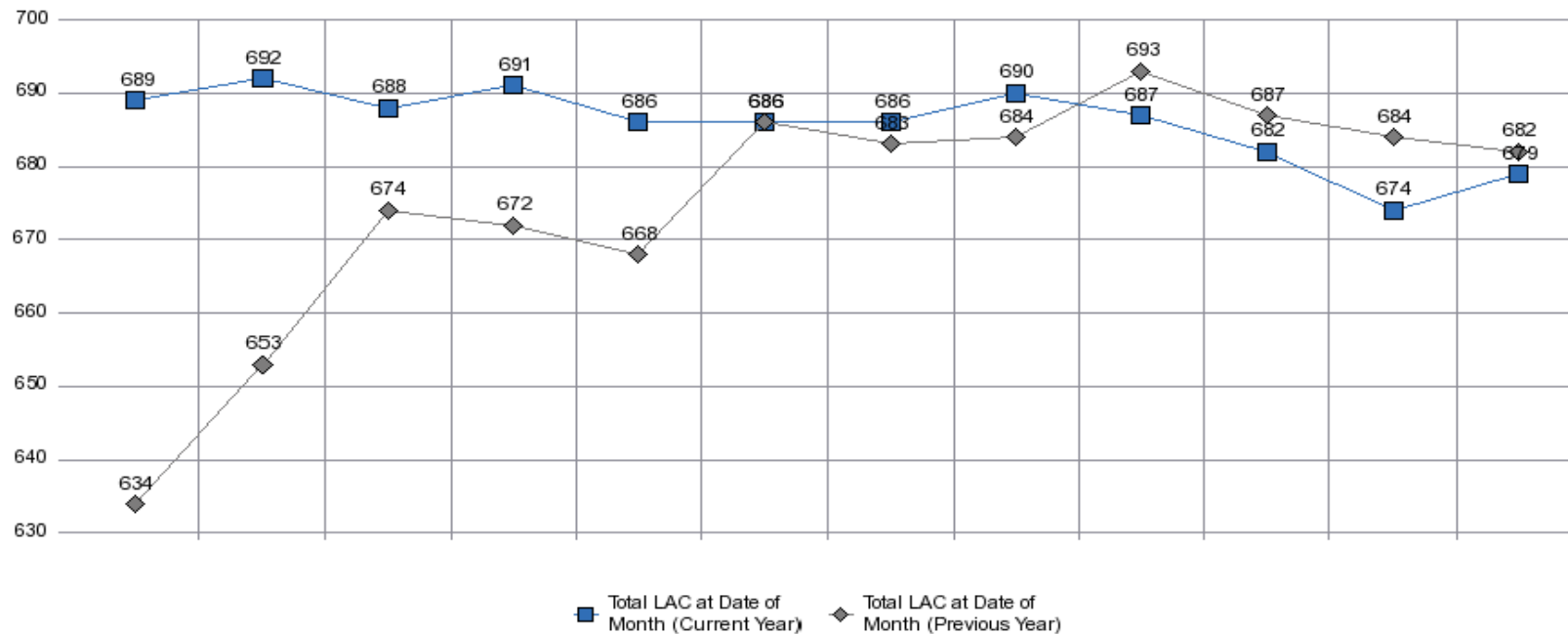
The highest number on the CPR are the under 1 age group. 46 out of the 56 children under the age of 1 were on the CPR (82%). The remaining 10 babies that were not on the CPR; 2 were relinquished babies, 6 were going through the CP Process at time of admission, 1 became known to us on the day they came into care and 1 was on the Temp CPR.

4 out of 10 Children aged 1 were not on the CPR at time of admission. They were only referred to us the date of their admissions.

1 out of the 12 children aged 16+ were on the CPR at BLA date (13%). 4 out of the 11 not registered were unaccompanied asylum seeking Children. The remaining 7 were made subject to Section 76 or placed on Remand.

Monthly CLA numbers over the last 12 months, compared with CLA numbers at the same period last year

LAC	10/Jun	10/Jul	10/Aug	10/Sep	10/Oct	10/Nov	10/Dec	10/Jan	10/Feb	10/Mar	10/Apr	10/May
Current Year:	689	692	688	691	686	686	686	690	687	682	674	679
Last Year:	634	653	674	672	668	686	683	684	693	687	684	682
Var:	55	39	14	19	18	0	3	6	-6	-5	-10	-3



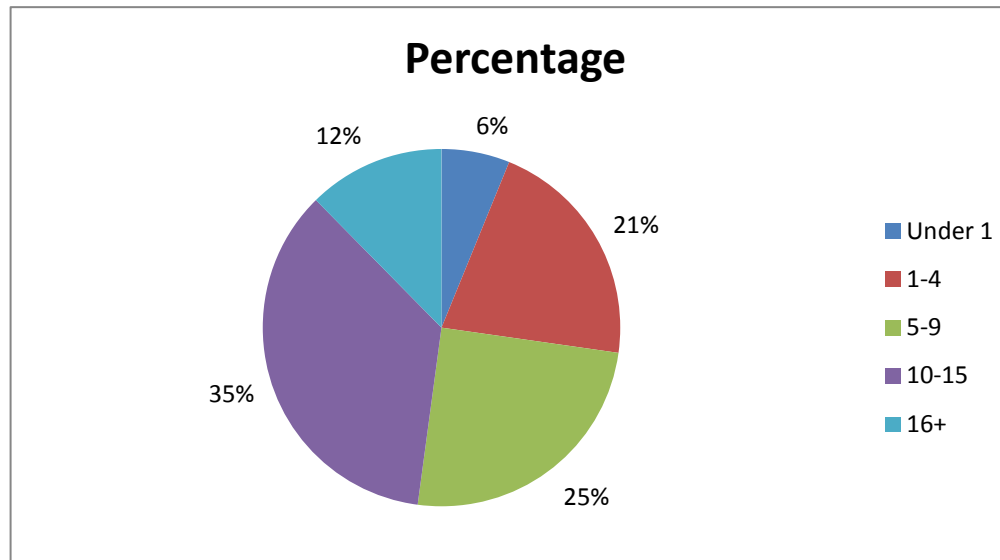
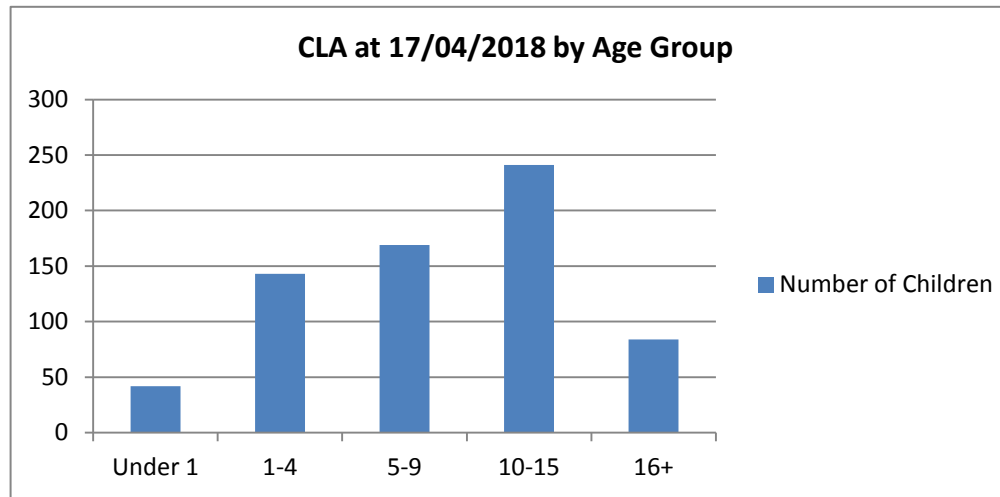
The CLA number has dropped since March 2018 highlighting that we are below the CLA figure reported at the same point last year.

After the increase in numbers from 625 in April 2016 to our highest reported 698 in June 2017 the numbers have been fluctuating between 680 and 693 throughout 2017/18. The past two months has seen us drop below 680 and remain there.

CLA Total Population by Age Group

	Number of Children	Percentage
Under 1	42	6%
1-4	143	21%
5-9	169	25%
10-15	241	35%
16+	84	12%
Total	679	

Based on current CLA numbers the highest age group is 10-15 with 241 children in care followed by the 0-4 age group where 185 children are currently accommodated.

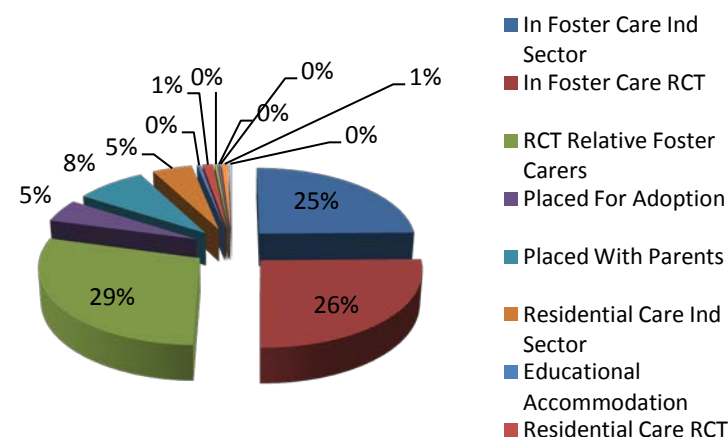


PLACEMENT ACTIVITY

CLA @ 10/05/2018 by Placement Type

Placement Type	10/05/18		10/05/17	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	168	25%	182	27%
In Foster Care RCT	173	25%	187	27%
RCT Relative Foster Carers	196	29%	176	26%
Placed For Adoption	33	5%	23	3%
Placed With Parents	55	8%	57	8%
Residential Care Ind Sector	31	5%	31	5%
Educational Accommodation	3	0.4%	1	0.1%
Residential Care RCT	8	1%	8	1%
Independent Living	2	0.3%	4	0.6%
Supported Lodgings	2	0.3%	8	1%
Bed & Breakfast	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mother & Baby	5	0.7%	3	0.4%
Secure	2	0.3%	2	0.3%
Medical	1	0.2%	0	
Total	679		682	

LAC as at 10/05/2018 by Placement Type



Team Summary

Team Responsible	10/05/18	10/05/17
Intensive Intervention East 1	90	83
Intensive Intervention East 2	116	118
Intensive Intervention East 3	49	62
Intensive Intervention West 1	95	87
Intensive Intervention West 2	95	99
Intensive Intervention West 3	110	110
16+ East Team	33	34
16+ West Team	40	37
East-Disabled Children	19	20
West-Disabled Children	31	30
Enquiry & Assessment Team	1	2

Based on current CLA numbers, we have the most children placed with Relative Carers (29%). This figure includes approved and non approved kinship carers. The number has increased when compared to the same time last year where we had 175 (26%).

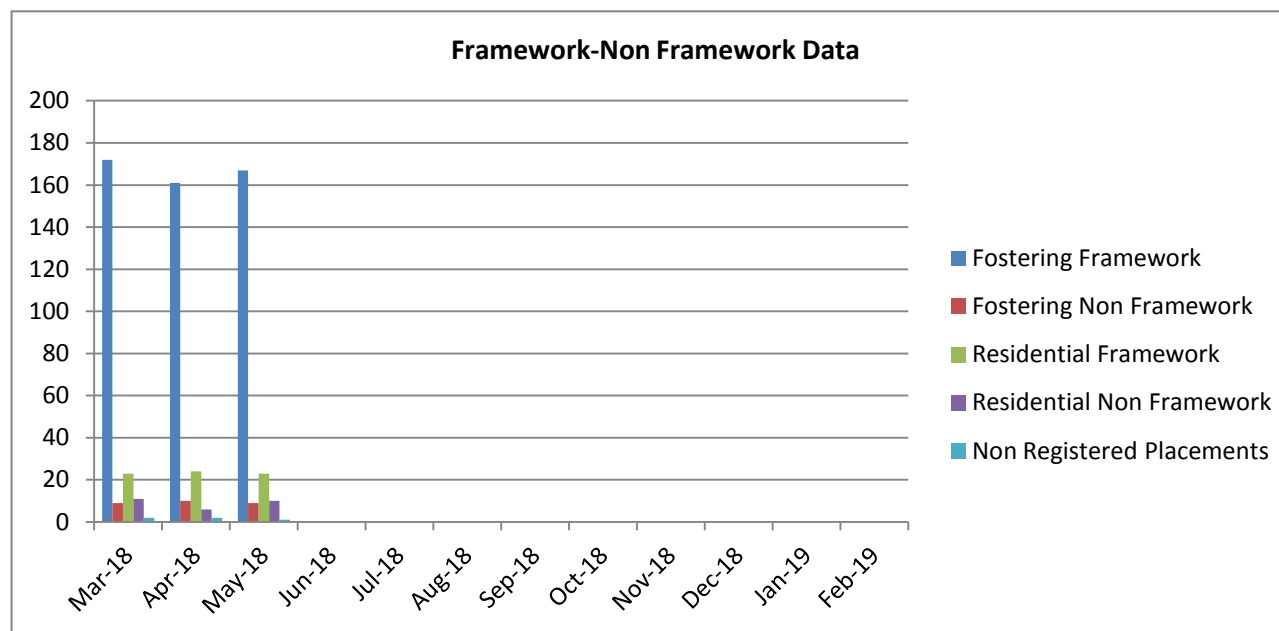
In House Foster Care numbers are higher than Independent Sector Foster Care but figures have dropped in both categories when compared to last years figures. Mother and Baby placements have increased along with the number of children in Adoption placements.

Framework-Non Framework Data

	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
Fostering Framework	172	161	167									
Fostering Non Framework	9	10	9									
Residential Framework	23	24	23									
Residential Non Framework	11	6	10									
Non Registered Placements	2	2	1									

Summary 10/05/2018

Total Framework	188
Total Non Framework	22
Total Not Registered	1
	211



The residential non framework placements include 4 education placements and 1 Local Authority placement

Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
Type of Placement	Weekly Budget (18/19)	Weekly Commitment (April 18)	Variance	Full Year Variance	No's @ Mar 18	No's @ April 18	Variance Increase / (Decrease)	RAG	Average Weekly Cost	Comment
Residential Care RCT	£22,115	£22,115	£0	£0	9	8	(1)	▼	£2,764	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
In Foster Care RCT	£74,630	£67,207	(£7,423)	(£387,038)	186 197	180 195	(6) (2)	▼	£373	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
RCT Relative Foster Carers	£36,828	£32,714	(£4,114)	(£214,526)	177	188	11	▲	£174	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Residential Care Ind Sector	£110,885	£129,177	£18,292	£953,797	37	40	3	▲	£3,229	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	£144,588	£127,141	(£17,447)	(£909,736)	180	177	(3)	▼	£718	
Special Guardianship Orders	£30,554	£28,228	(£2,326)	(£121,268)	271	272	1	▲	£104	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Child Arrangement Orders	£919	£257	(£662)	(£34,510)	8	6	(2)	▼		
Supported Lodgings	£977	£1,780	£803	£41,871	9	11	2	▲	£162	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
When I'm Ready	£6,344	£4,742	(£1,602)	(£83,539)	17	18	1	▲		
Adoption Allowances	£4,568	£3,843	(£725)	(£37,788)	25	22	(3)	▼	£175	36 Children & Excl mgt & overhead costs
	£432,408	£417,205	(£15,203)	(£792,737)	894	898	4	▲		

Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Period Variance)

Type of Placement	Weekly Commitment (At 31/03/18)	Weekly Commitment (At 30/04/18)	Variance	Full Year Variance	No's @ Mar 18 (31/03/18)	No's @ April 18 (30/04/18)	Variance Increase / (Decrease)	RAG	Average Weekly Cost	Comment
Residential Care RCT	£28,312	£22,115	(£6,197)	(£323,129)	9	8	(1)	▼	£2,764	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
In Foster Care RCT	£66,965	£67,207	£242	£12,620	186 197	180 195	(6) (2)	▼	£373	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
RCT Relative Foster Carers	£30,023	£32,714	£2,691	£140,324	177	188	11	▲	£174	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Residential Care Ind Sector	£116,779	£129,177	£12,398	£646,467	37	40	3	▲	£3,229	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	£129,500	£127,141	(£2,359)	(£123,005)	180	177	(3)	▼	£718	
Special Guardianship Orders	£28,229	£28,228	(£1)	(£42)	271	272	1	▲	£104	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Child Arrangement Orders	£437	£257	(£179)	(£9,351)	8	6	(2)	▼	£43	
Supported Lodgings	£1,500	£1,780	£280	£14,600	9	11	2	▲	£162	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
When I'm Ready	£4,543	£4,742	£199	£10,376	17	18	1	▲	£263	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Adoption Allowances	£4,203	£3,843	(£360)	(£18,758)	25	22	(3)	▼	£175	33 Children & Excl mgt & overhead costs
	£410,491	£417,205	£6,714	£350,102	894	898	4	▲		

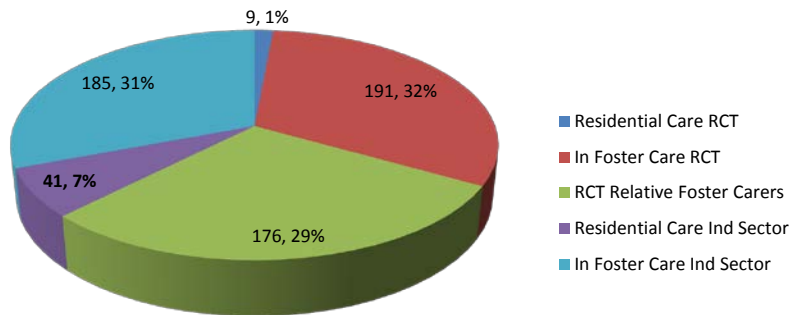
In the last month, costs has increased by £12,911 per week (once adjusted to take account of Treherbert closing).

The two tables above give a breakdown of the CLA placement expenditure and numbers broken down into type of placement. The top table shows the 18/19 weekly budget (column marked 1) for each of the placement types and the actual weekly commitment in April 18 (column marked 2). The April 18 weekly amount is only a snapshot so you can gauge where you currently are at that point in time. From this you can compare how much is being spent compared to the budget available (column marked 3). It also shows what that weekly amount would be if it stayed static for a full year and how that would vary from the budget (column marked 4). In the example above, there would be a full year underspend of £793K. This is only a snapshot though as numbers vary greatly throughout the year and do not include any growth. The table also gives you the number of placements relating to that expenditure. At March 18 we were making a financial commitment to 894 placements (column marked 5), at April 18 this had increased to 898 placements (column marked 6), an increase of 4 placements (£6,714) per week. The bottom table follows the same principle as the top table but instead of comparing the current weekly cost / numbers to the weekly budget / numbers at April 18, it compares it to the last time this information was produced (March 18). This enables senior management to see how the numbers / costs have changed over the past month and flags up any budgetary concerns.

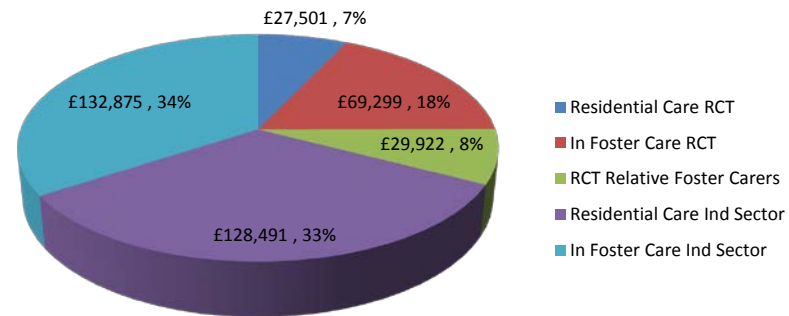
Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Avg
Residential Care RCT	8		8	10		10	9	8		8	9	9	9	8	9
In Foster Care RCT	204		196	192		187	191	190		191	199	189	186	180	191
RCT Relative Foster Carers	167		168	178		183	177	176		173	172	174	177	188	176
Residential Care Ind Sector	39		40	43		47	44	45		40	39	36	37	40	41
In Foster Care Ind Sector	189		191	185		183	189	187		183	185	191	180	177	185
Total	607		603	608		610	610	606		595	604	599	589	593	602
Residential Care RCT (cost pw)	£ 28,642		£ 31,836	£ 27,130		£ 27,130	£ 27,130	£ 27,112		£ 27,112	£ 27,997	£ 27,997	£ 28,312	£ 22,115	£ 27,501
In Foster Care RCT (cost pw)	£ 71,770		£ 70,264	£ 69,900		£ 68,440	£ 69,500	£ 69,089		£ 69,108	£ 71,675	£ 68,371	£ 66,965	£ 67,207	£ 69,299
RCT Relative Foster Carers (cost pw)	£ 27,781		£ 28,574	£ 30,359		£ 31,261	£ 30,164	£ 30,021		£ 29,403	£ 29,256	£ 29,591	£ 30,023	£ 32,714	£ 29,922
Residential Care Ind Sector (cost pw)	£ 116,520		£ 118,101	£ 126,720		£ 152,793	£ 139,811	£ 142,173		£ 132,056	£ 127,125	£ 112,146	£ 116,779	£ 129,177	£ 128,491
In Foster Care Ind Sector	£ 135,647		£ 135,958	£ 131,938		£ 130,153	£ 135,408	£ 134,117		£ 131,397	£ 132,767	£ 137,603	£ 129,500	£ 127,141	£ 132,875
Total	£ 380,360		£ 384,733	£ 386,046		£ 409,777	£ 402,013	£ 402,512		£ 389,077	£ 388,821	£ 375,708	£ 371,579	£ 378,354	£ 388,089

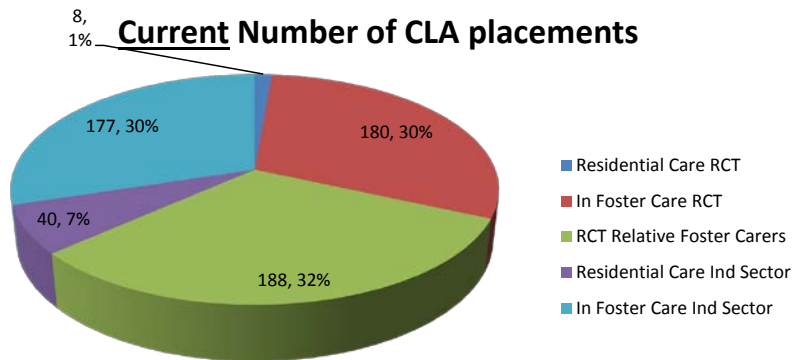
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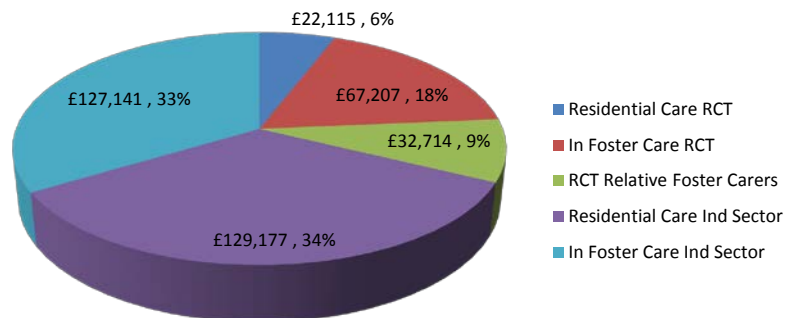
Average Cost of CLA placements



Current Number of CLA placements



Current Cost of CLA placements

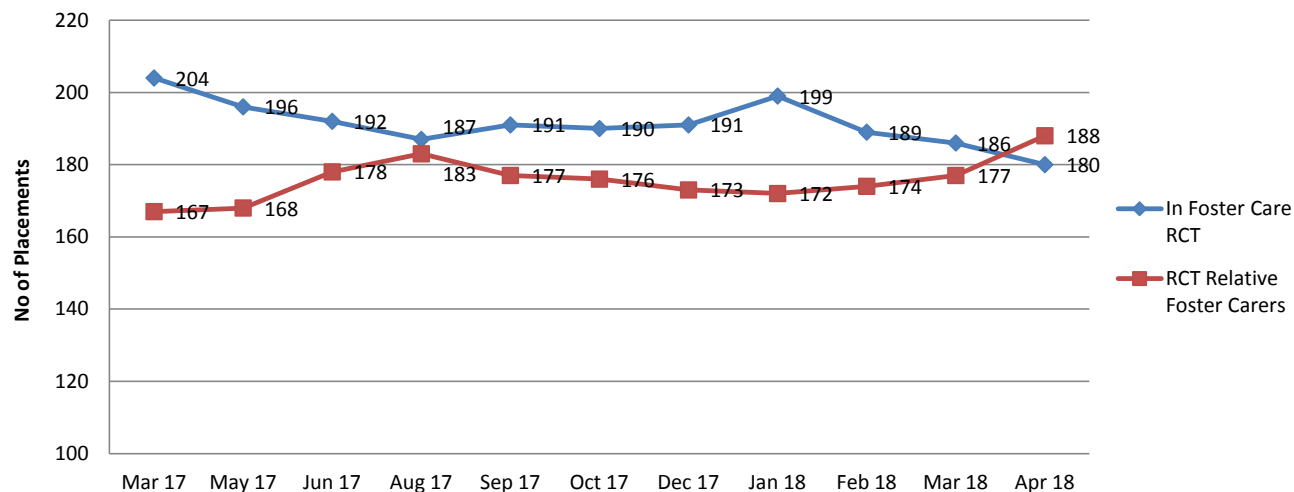


The four charts above show the average number and cost, current numbers and cost of the different types of CLA placements and their respective proportion of the overall CLA population and expenditure. From the charts you can see that there is a huge variation between the splits on the left (numbers) and the splits on the right (expenditure). For example our Independent Residential Care placements (purple segments) account for on average 7% of the numbers but represent 33% of the overall expenditure. In comparison our Relative Foster Carers (green segments) account for on average 29% of the numbers (currently 32%) but only 8% (currently 9%) of the overall expenditure.

Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

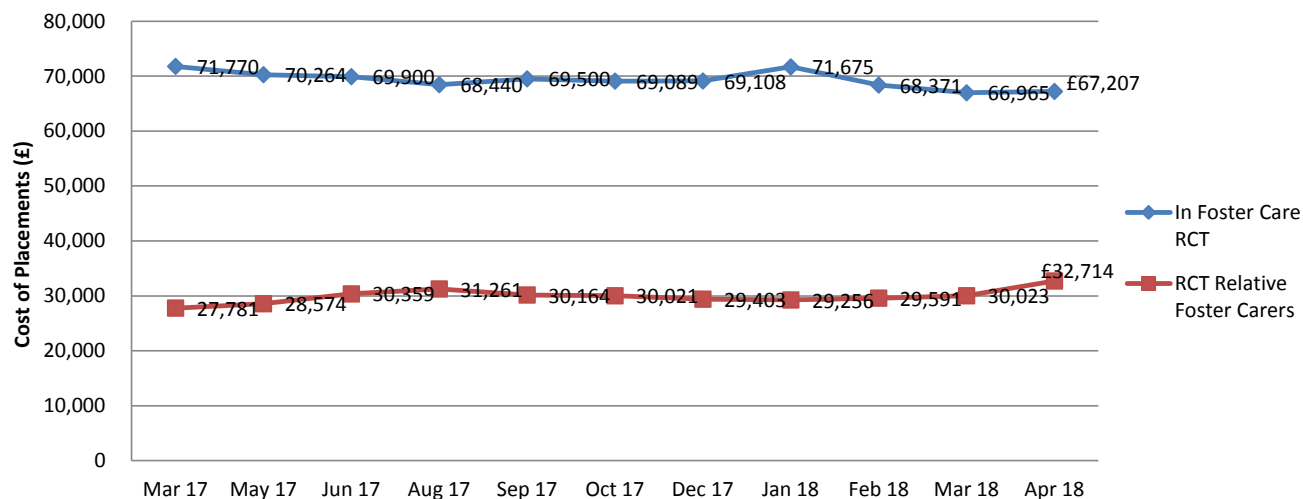
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In-House Fostering (Numbers)



The number of placements provided by RCT Foster Carers has fallen slightly in 18/19 but has tended to fluctuate between 180 and 200 on average. Relative Foster Carers have increased over previous years from 135 in April 2016 to 188 currently.

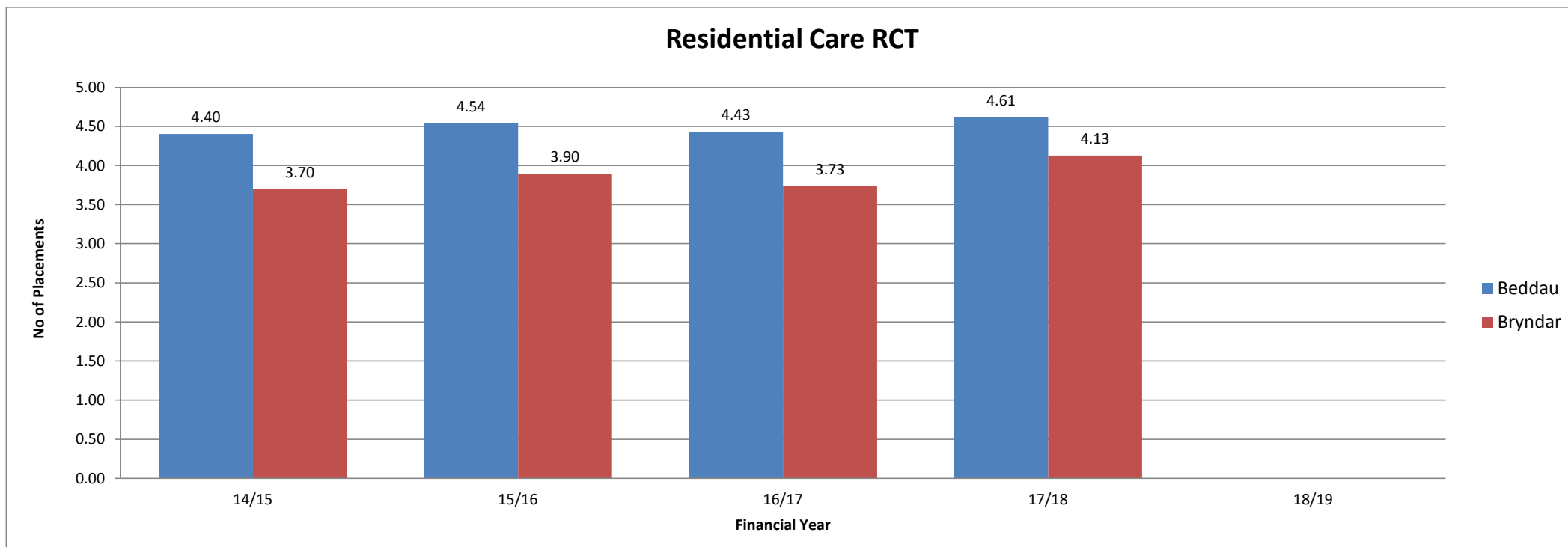
In-House Fostering (Costs)



As numbers are quite consistent, costs do not tend to increase or decrease dramatically. Our Relative carer numbers are higher than Mainstream foster carers but the overall cost as a group of carers is roughly 51% lower than the group of Mainstream carers. This is due to Relative carers receiving an allowance and Mainstream carers receiving an allowance and a Fee.

In-house Residential Occupancy and Voids

	2014/2015				2015/2016				2016/2017				2017/2018				2018/2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Beddau	3.98	4.28	5.00	4.36	4.79	5.00	4.57	3.80	4.03	4.32	4.54	4.82	5.00	5.00	4.46	4.00				
	80%	86%	100%	87%	96%	100%	91%	76%	81%	86%	91%	96%	100%	100%	89%	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Bryndar	4.77	2.93	4.28	2.80	2.46	3.24	4.88	5.00	4.67	3.66	2.97	3.63	3.43	4.64	3.49	4.96				
	95%	59%	86%	56%	49%	65%	98%	100%	93%	73%	59%	73%	69%	93%	70%	99%	0%	0%	0%	0%



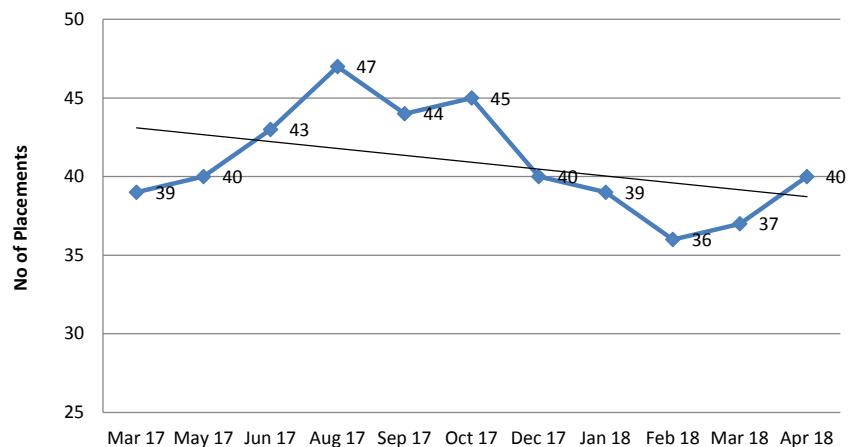
There are currently 5 Young People in Bryndar and 3 Young People in Beddau (2 vacancies).

Overall occupancy for 17/18 was 87% or on average 8.74 Young People in placement out of a possible 10 placements. This compares to 82% in 16/17, 84% in 15/16, 81% in 14/15 and 93% in 13/14.

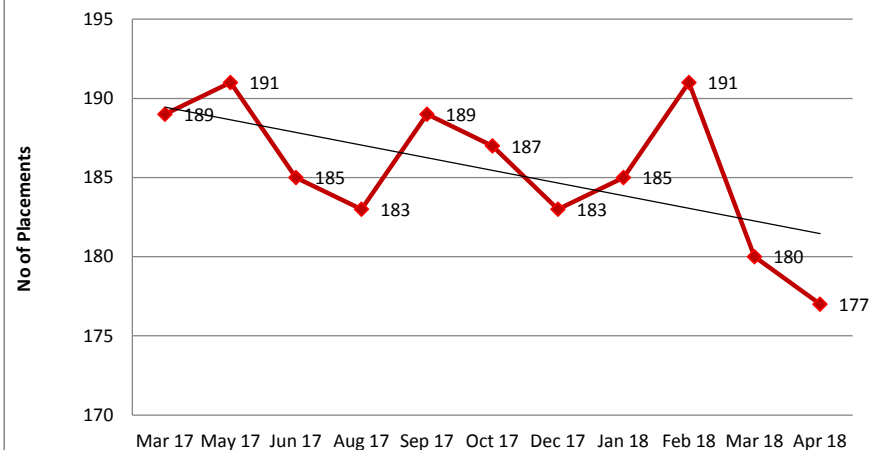
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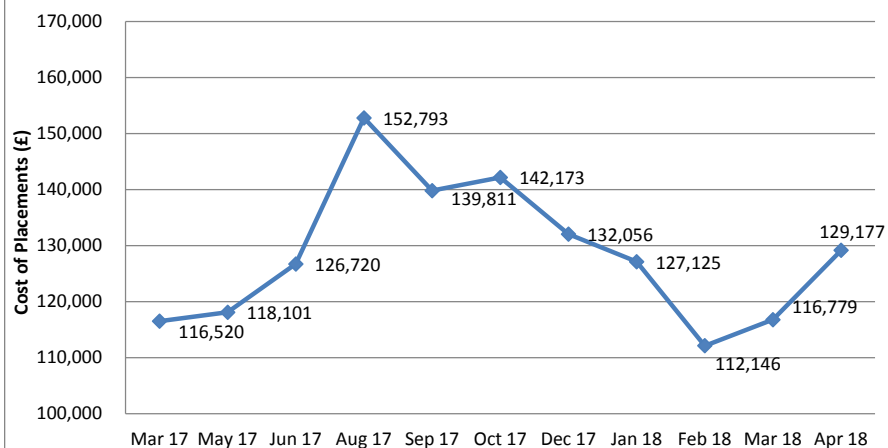
Residential Care Ind Sector (Numbers)



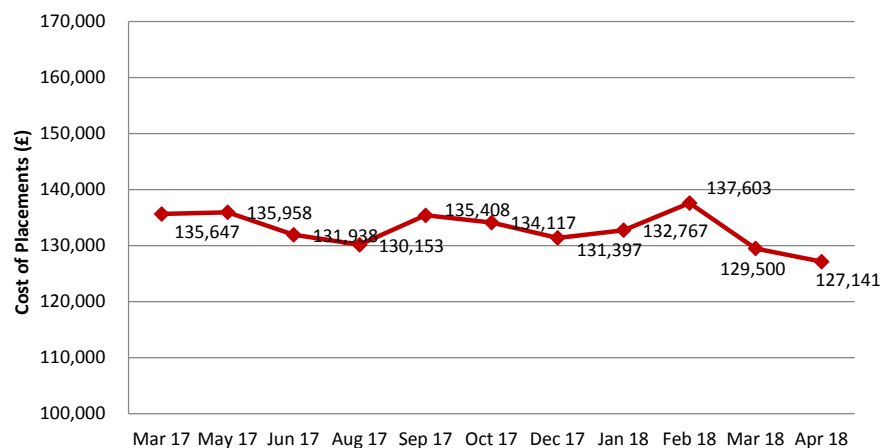
In Foster Care Ind Sector (Numbers)



Residential Care Ind Sector (Cost)



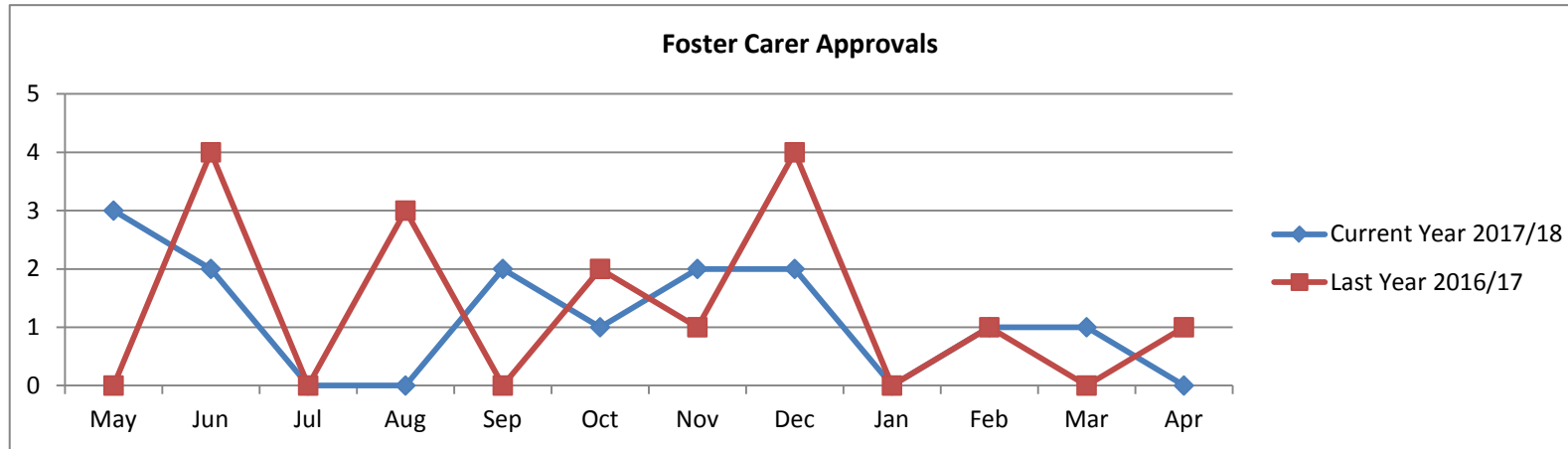
In Foster Care Ind Sector (Costs)



Due to the average cost of independent residential placements being over £3,000 per week, a relatively small movement in numbers can have a dramatic effect on the overall costs. In 17/18 numbers only fluctuated by 11 (High of 47, Low of 36) but this could have meant a difference of £1.35 Million in annual expenditure. In comparison independent foster care placements also fluctuated by 11 (High of 191, Low of 180) and this could have meant a difference of £0.42 Million in annual expenditure.

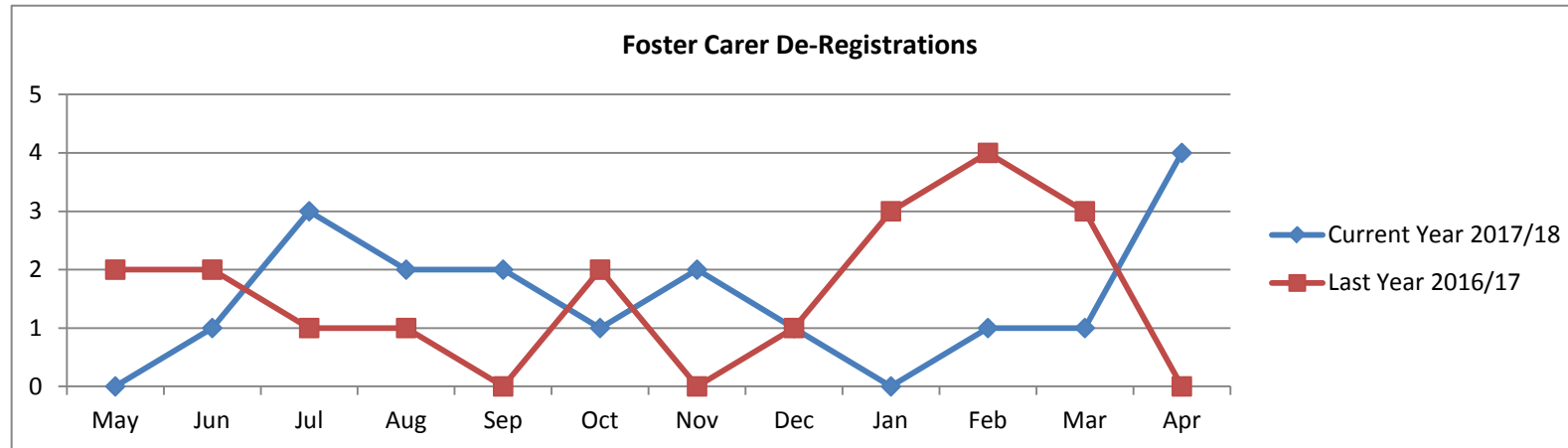
OSP - Foster Carer Assessments

Foster Carer Approvals	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Current Year 2017/18	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	14
Last Year 2016/17	0	4	0	3	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	16



Foster Carer De-Registrations	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Current Year 2017/18	0	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	18
Last Year 2016/17	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	4	3	0	19

N.B. These figures include resignations in the period



PLACEMENT STABILITY

Looked After Children with 3+ Placements

Number of children who were looked after as at 31/03/2018	676
Number of looked after children who had three or more separate placements between 01/04/2017-31/03/2018	50
	7.40%



LAC with 1 Placement During the Year:	526	77.81%
LAC with 2 Placements During the Year:	100	14.79%
LAC with 3+ Placements During the Year:	50	7.40%
Total LAC as at end date (31/03/2018)	676	

This is a Welsh Government Performance Indicator that we report on quarterly and the target this year is 5.9%. Performance has dropped slightly since Quarter 3 but remains well within the 2016/17 All Wales average of 9.8%.

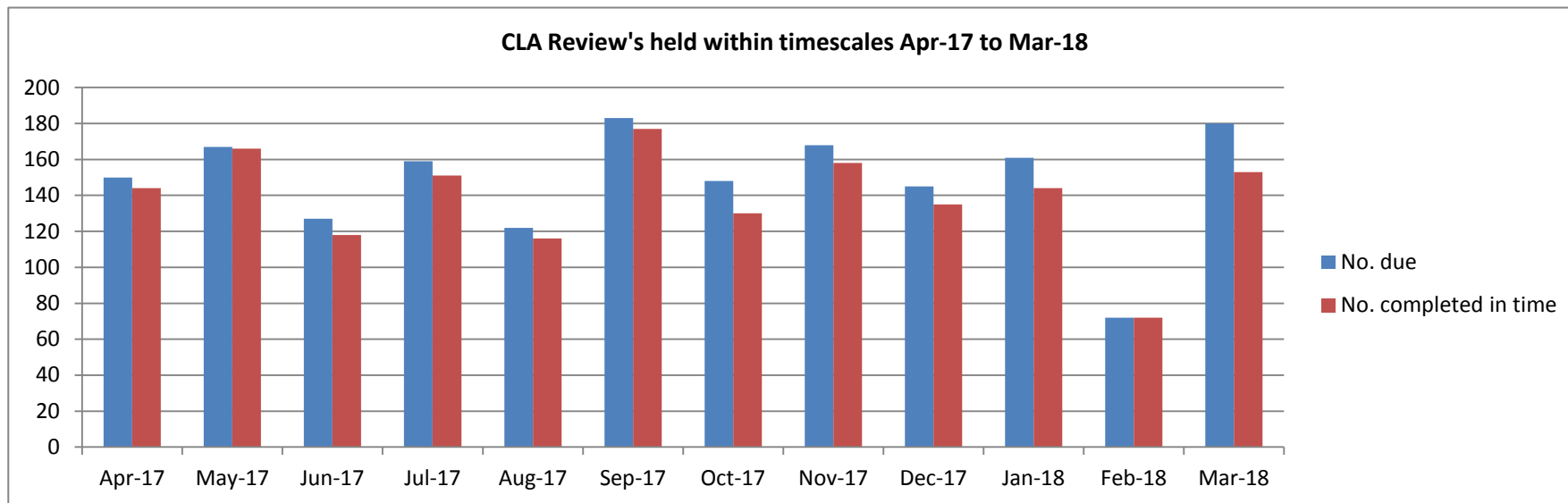
Children move placement for a variety of different reasons & some of the 3rd placements will relate to children's moves to a permanent long term placement.

Performance has also been affected by the continued high number of children looked after which has put pressure on placement availability.

% of CLA Review's held in Timescales

CLA Reviews completed in time April 17 - March 18

	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Total
No. due	150	167	127	159	122	183	148	168	145	161	72	180	1782
No. completed in time	144	166	118	151	116	177	130	158	135	144	72	153	1664
% completed in time	96%	99%	93%	95%	95%	97%	88%	94%	93%	89%	100%	85%	93%



CLA Review performance has been consistently high throughout the year, with a monthly performance ranging from 88% to 100%.

There was a drop in the number of CLA Review's due in February and this was due to a low number of 3/6 Monthly Review's being completed in August 17 and a low number of Initial Review's completed in November 17, all of which would be triggered a Review in February upon completion.

Current year end data is showing 93% of Review's completed in time.

Length of Time in Care

2017/18

	Ceased LAC	Percentage	Average Weeks Looked After
LAC returned home in less than 12 weeks	27	16.07%	3
LAC returned home between 12 & 24 weeks	30	17.86%	17
LAC returned home after 24 weeks	111	66.07%	215
Overall:	<u>168</u>	100.00%	<u>145</u>



This is a Local Authority Performance Indicator that we report on quarterly and the targets this year are:

- a) CLA returned home in less than 12 weeks (20.52%)
- b) CLA returned home between 12-24 weeks (9.61%)
- c) CLA returned home after 24 weeks (69.87%)

a) Performance has dropped since Quarter 3 with more children returning home in less than 12 weeks but we are within target for year end reporting.

b) Target wasn't achieved with more children going home in the 12-24 week timeframe which is higher than the 9.61% target set. Performance has improved slightly during the quarter but 23% of children (7/30), ceased to be looked after within 12-24 weeks of becoming looked after because permanence for them was achieved through securing Special Guardianship Orders in a relatively short period of time. This can only be viewed as a positive outcome for the children concerned who will now have a safe & stable home environment within their extended family without the need for on-going statutory intervention from Children's Services.

c) Target wasn't achieved and we had less children returning home after the 24 weeks which is less than the 69.87% target set. Performance has dropped during the quarter but will be impacted on by the number of children that return home in less than 24 weeks. However this has to be viewed in the context of the reasons why children cease to be looked after within a relatively short period of time. This can be because while permanence for them cannot be achieved with their parents it can be achieved within their extended family & this will always be a positive

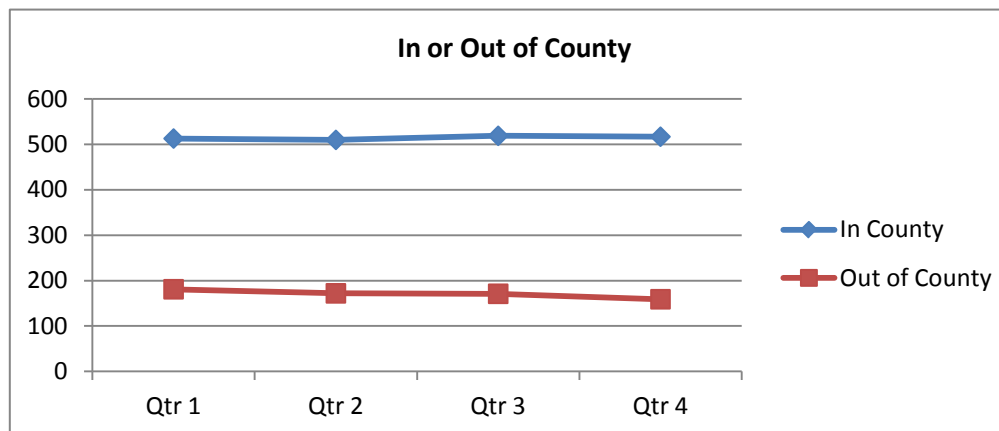
Location of Placements In-Out of County

2017/18

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
In County	513	510	519	517
Out of County	181	172	171	159
Total	694	682	690	676

76.5% of our looked after children were residing within RCT at the end of Qtr 4.

Each quarter has seen a drop in the number of children residing outside RCT. 26% was reported on 30th June 17 and 23.5% on 31st March 18.

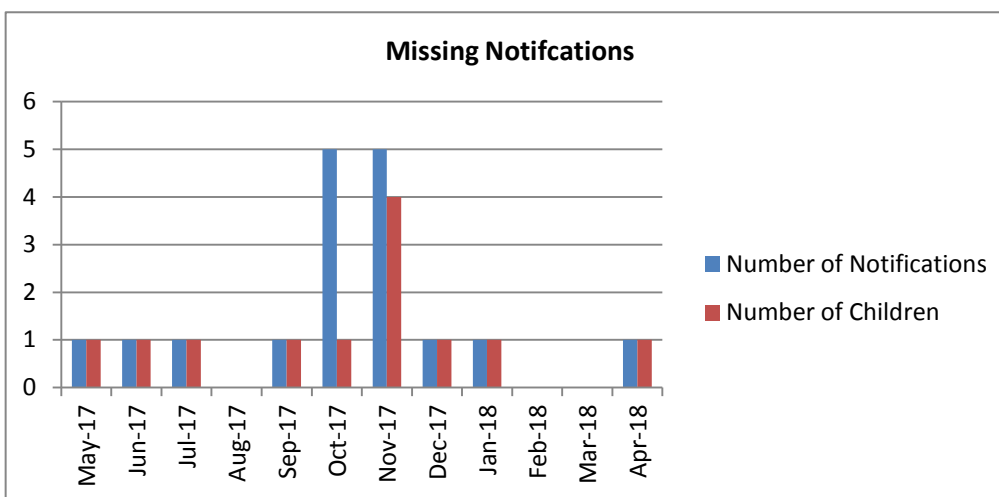


Missing Notifications for Looked After Children

	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
Number of Notifications	1	1	1	0	1	5	5	1	1	0	0	1	17
Number of Children	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	10

There has been a total of 17 missing notifications recorded over the last 12 months between May 17 to April 18.

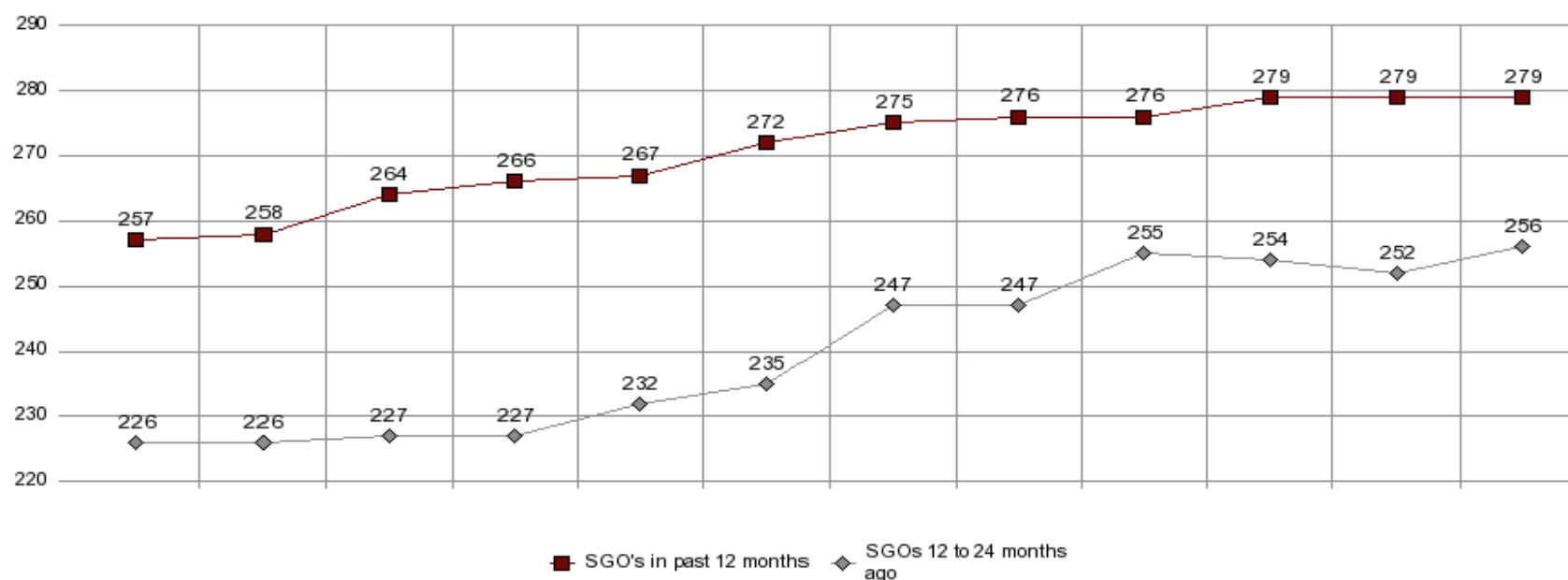
These were for 10 looked after children. Some children were recorded more than once during the period due to them going missing multiple times.



SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS

Monthly SGO numbers over the last 12 months, compared with SGO numbers at the same period last year

SGO's	10/Jun	10/Jul	10/Aug	10/Sep	10/Oct	10/Nov	10/Dec	10/Jan	10/Feb	10/Mar	10/Apr	10/May
Current Year:	257	258	264	266	267	272	275	276	276	279	279	279
Last Year:	226	226	227	227	232	235	247	247	255	254	252	256
Var:	+31	+32	+37	+39	+35	+37	+28	+29	+21	+25	+27	+23



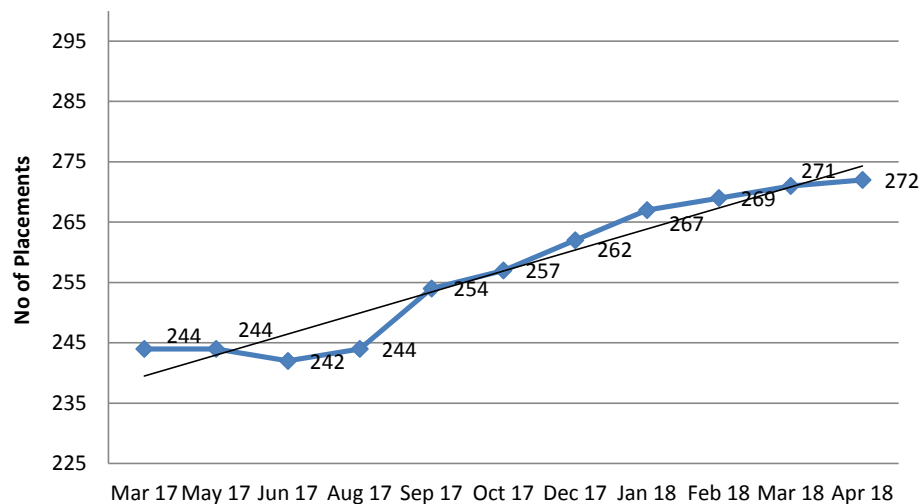
We currently have 279 children subject to an SGO which is 23 more when compared to the same time last year. 29 Orders have been granted in the last 12 months.

We are paying an SGO allowance for 271 of these children.

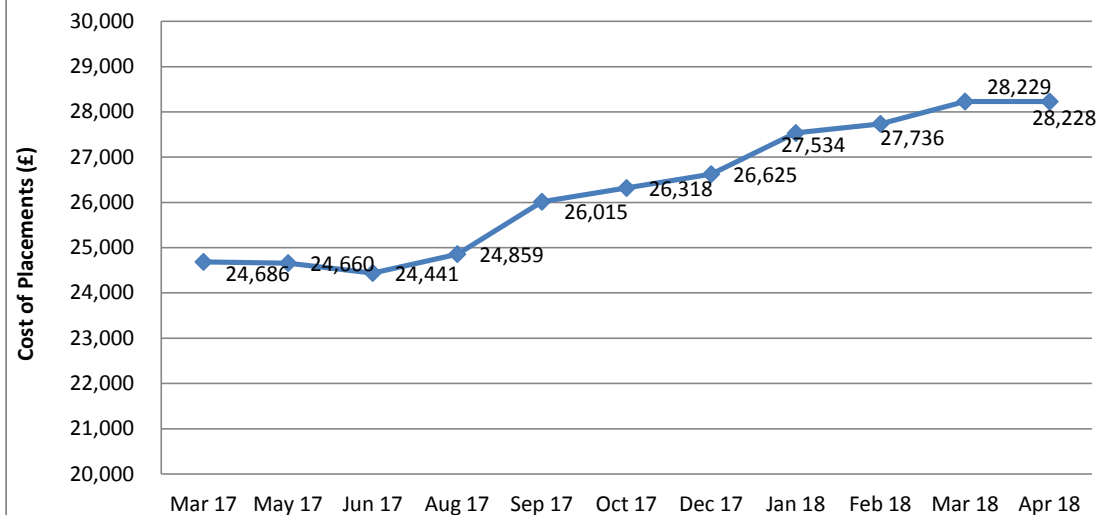
Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Special Guardianship Orders	244		244	242		244	254	257		262	267	269	271	272
Special Guardianship Orders (cost pw)	£ 24,686		£ 24,660	£ 24,441		£ 24,859	£ 26,015	£ 26,318		£ 26,625	£ 27,534	£ 27,736	£ 28,229	£ 28,228

Special Guardianship Orders (Numbers)



Special Guardianship Orders (Costs)



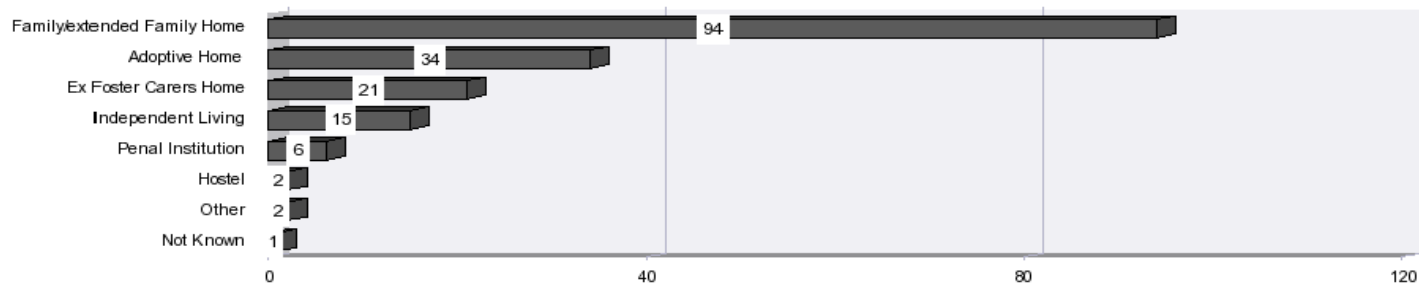
Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) have continued to rise and will do for the foreseeable future. This is because of a concerted effort to promote them but also the fact that SGO's are generally taken out with regards to younger children and do not cease until the child is 16 to 18 years old. At some point we will reach a plateau where SGO's start to end and will be replaced by new ones, halting the steady increase we have seen for the past 6 years (67 SGO's in April 2012) but this will not be for a few years yet.

LEAVING CARE

All Children Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018

Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018 **175**

All Children Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018 by the Type of After Care Accommodation



Month Ceased LA:	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Total
Adoptive Home	1	3	3	1	2	7	1	1	5	1	3	3	3	34
Ex Foster Carers Home	3	-	2	1	2	-	1	2	2	-	4	3	1	21
Family/extended Family Home	10	9	3	9	13	6	5	8	1	9	7	14	-	94
Independent Living	3	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	15
Other	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
Penal Institution	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	6
Hostel	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Not Known	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Ceased LA per Month:	17	13	8	15	20	15	10	11	10	12	16	23	5	175

The total number of children that have ceased CLA Apr17-Apr18 is 175 which is lower than the 221 reported for the same period in 2016/17. In relation to the child's residence after leaving care, the highest number return home to Family/Extended Family.

34 children have had an Adoption Order granted over the year and this is 9 more than reported for the same period last year.

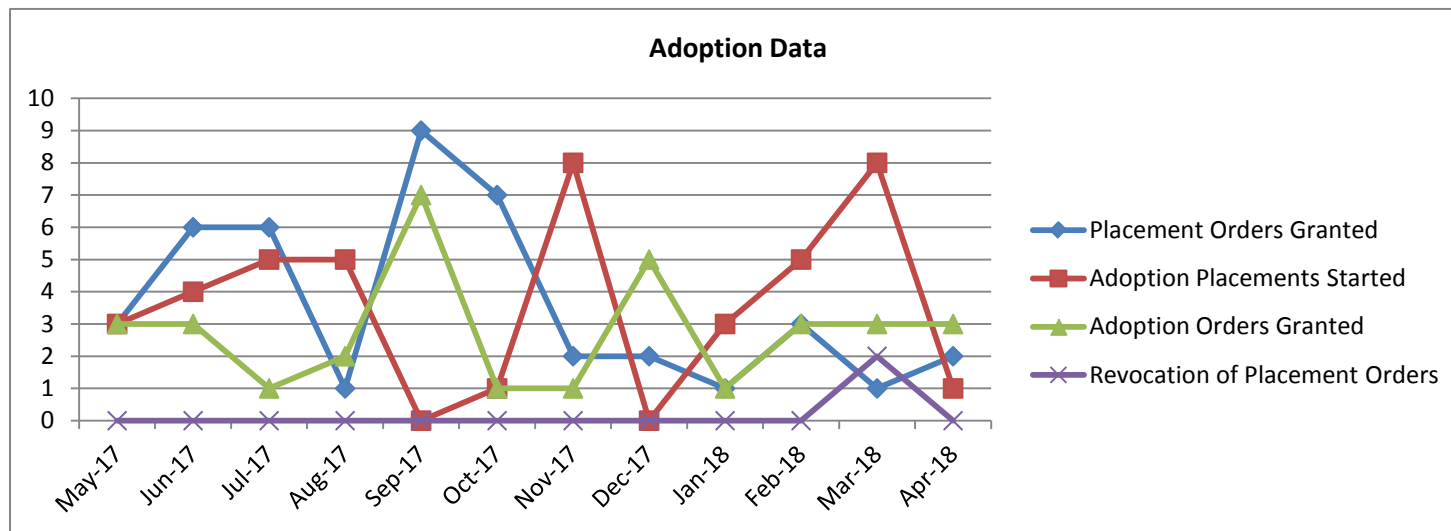
21 children remained with Ex Foster carers and of these, 14 were under the 'When I'm Ready Arrangement', 5 were subject to SGO's, 1 has remained with carer under a private arrangement whilst an SGO is applied for and 1 child remained as a Supported Lodgings provision.

The 1 unknown placement was where an unaccompanied asylum seeking child ran away from placement and did not return.

ADOPTION

Placement Orders, Adoption Orders & Revocations

	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
Placement Orders Granted	3	6	6	1	9	7	2	2	1	3	1	2	43
Adoption Placements Started	3	4	5	5	0	1	8	0	3	5	8	1	43
Adoption Orders Granted	3	3	1	2	7	1	1	5	1	3	3	3	33
Revocation of Placement Orders	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2



43 children have had a Placement Order granted over the last 12 months and of these 17 have since been placed in Adoption Placements.

43 Adoption placements have been started within the last 12 months, this is 16 more than the number started in the same period 2016/17.

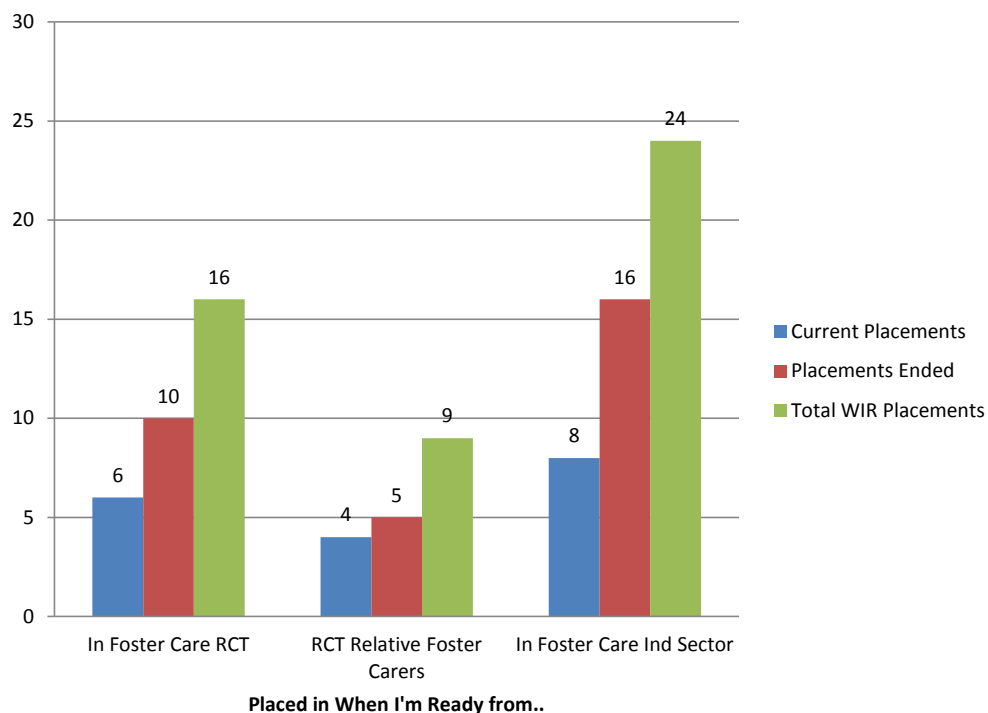
33 Adoption Orders have been granted over the last 12 months. 19 Orders were granted in the same period Apr16-Mar17, so we have exceeded this figure.

There have been 2 revocations of Placement Orders made this year to date. The previous year 2016/17 there were 5 revocations made.

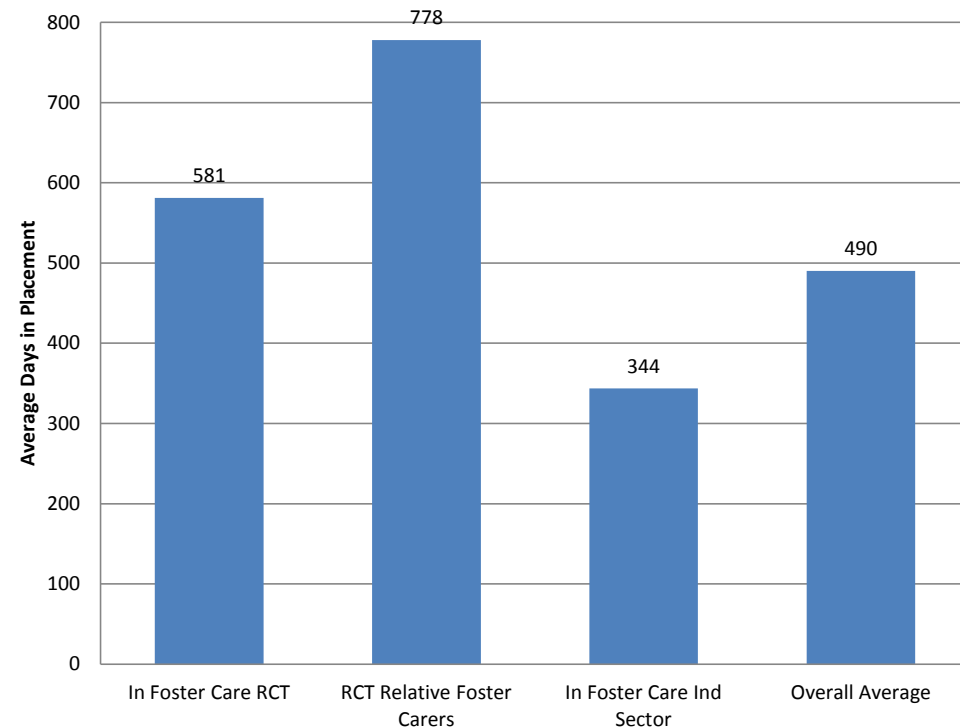
Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

Placed From	Current Placements	Placements Ended	Total WIR Placements	%	Days in Placement (ended)	Avg Length (ended)
In Foster Care RCT	6	10	16	33%	5813	581
RCT Relative Foster Carers	4	5	9	18%	3890	778
In Foster Care Ind Sector	8	16	24	49%	5498	344
Overall Average	18	31	49	100%	15201	490

When I'm Ready (placed from)



When I'm Ready (Average placement length)



There have been 49 Young Persons placed in When I'm Ready placements since the scheme started in 2015. 49% (24) of these YP remained with their Former Independent Foster Carers, 33% (16) with RCT Foster Carers and 18% (9) with Relative Carers.

A young Person is entitled (if the foster carer agrees) to spend 3 years in a When I'm Ready (WIR) placement (1,095 days). The average length of WIR placements that have ended is 490 days. There is a big difference in the length of placement depending on the type of placement it was prior to converting to WIR. Former Relative placements last on average 778 days, former RCT carers 581 days and former Independent Carers 344 days. There are numerous reasons why a WIR placement may end e.g. the young person feels prepared enough to move to their own tenancy and full independence but the data also suggests there is a direct correlation between the levels of remuneration being received and placement length. Relative carers do not see any difference in remuneration levels by converting to WIR and Independent carers see the biggest reduction.

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