



Service Update

- Service now established / Operating for 18 months
- Service Identity / Aim & Vision / Stable Workforce
- Significant progress in oversight and tracking of children
- Adopter sufficiency performance improving
- Adoption Support reaching adopters based on targeted assessments of need
- Part of National RAA development work
- Adapted service delivery during Covid-19 to virtual systems

Performance – Children

- 62 Sandwell children placed in 18 months (162 total for partnership)
- 20 percent increase in Sandwell children placed 2019/20 on previous year
- Increased Early Permanence usage (20 in 2020/21) (5 Sandwell children)
- At 30 September 2020 23 children with legal order to be placed for adoption (11 in active family finding). 48 at 31 March 2020 with 20 in active family finding.
- Inter- agency usage at 50 percent (2019/20)
- 31 children adopted in year 2019/20. 13 adopted 2020/21 (28 in 2018/19)
- Scorecard Timeliness: Full year 2019/20 :
 - A10 within threshold at 420 (426). Single year. 3 year average also within.
 - A20 outside threshold at 233 (121) single year. 3 year average also outside.

Performance – Adopters

- 51 adopters approved in the first year - 2019/20
- 34 approved in 6 months 2020/21(Projected 60 to 70 full year)
- 130 children likely to be placed in year 2020/21
- Service priority - reduced inter-agency usage
- 31 percent increase in Registrations of Interest in year 2
- Regional Marketing & Communications strategy
- National recruitment campaign – You Can Adopt