



## Service Update

- Service now established for over two years
- Clear Service Identity / Aim & Vision
- Improved partnership / engagement
- Stable Workforce (very low staff turnover)
- Adopter sufficiency performance improving
- Twenty four percent increase in children placed in year two.
- Adoption Support reaching adopters based on targeted assessments of need
- Part of National RAA development work

## Performance – Children

- 35 Sandwell children placed in 12 months (124 total for partnership)
- 41/36/35 Sandwell children placed previous 3 years. (Overall 100 in 19/20)
- Increased Early Permanence usage (26 - 2020/21) (6 Sandwell)
- At 31 March 2021 30 children with legal order to be placed for adoption (17 in active family finding). 23 at 31 March 2020 with 20 in active family finding.
- Inter- agency usage at 56 percent (2019/20) (70 percent Sandwell)
- 35 children adopted in year 2020/21. 31/36/35 previous 3 years
- 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.
- No significant reduction in SHOBPA numbers in Sandwell or the region (Sandwell 27 in year / 31 previous year)

## Performance – Adopters

- 51 adopters approved in the first year - 2019/20
- 69 adopters approved 2020/21
- Increased enquiries and interest in adopting during Covid 19, but low conversion rates.
- Service priority - reduced inter-agency usage in 2021/22
- 31 percent increase in Registrations of Interest in year 2
- Regional Marketing & Communications strategy in place
- Joint engagement between communications teams regionally
- National recruitment campaign – You Can Adopt