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HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT - KIRKLEES HIGHLIGHTS
2023 - 2024



THE CHILDREN - STATS

	Q1&Q2 23/24	Compared to same period 2022/23	
Number of children adopted	8	=	
Number of ADMs	14	↑	+4
Number of POs	7	↓	-1
Number of children placed	10	=	
Number of children whose placement disrupted	2	↑	+2
Percentage of children placed with OAWY approved adopters	70%	↓	-20%
Number of children placed via Early Permanence	0	↓	-1
Percentage of children matched for adoption which were previously in EPPs	11%	↑	+11%
Number of children at half year end with ADM not matched	25	↑	+6



ADMs, Placement Orders and ADM not matched Kirklees

30
20
10
0

	Q2 2022-23	Q3 2022-23	Q4 2022-23	Q1 2023-24	Q2 2023-24
ADM	5	5	1	3	11
Placement Orders	6	4	3	3	4
ADM not yet matched (period end)	19	22	19	19	25

ADM
Placement Orders
ADM not yet matched (period end)

THE CHILDREN - DEMOGRAPHICS

At year end there were **16** children with a placement order but not matched.
Of those:

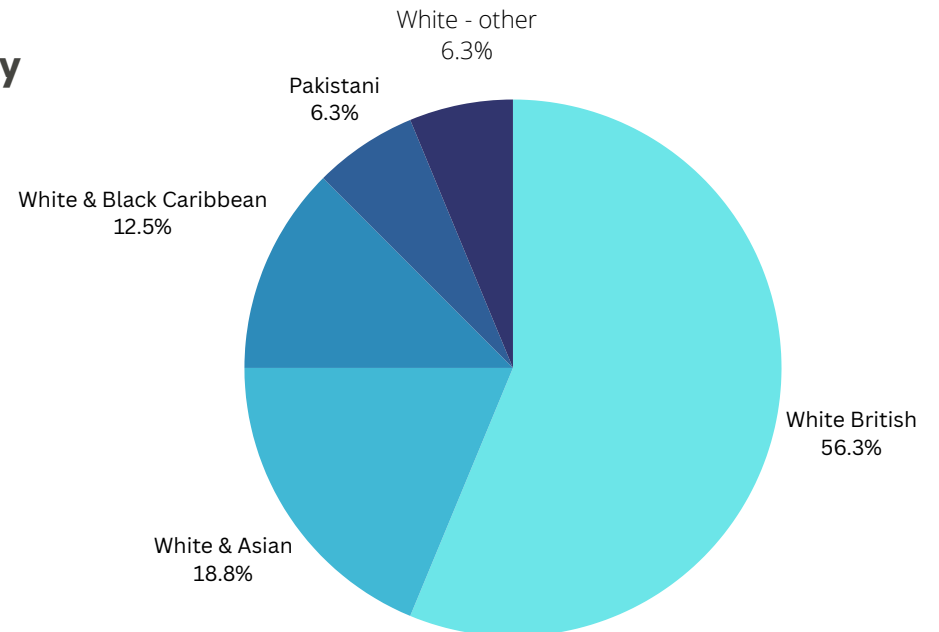


Part of a sibling group Single child



Ethnicity

White British	9	White & Asian	3
White & Black Caribbean	2	Pakistani	1
White - other	1		



THE CHILDREN - NARRATIVE

Of the **16** children with a placement order awaiting a match, **12** have characteristics which make them more difficult to find families for (aged 5 or over, need a family alongside a brother or sister, are from an ethnically diverse background or have a disability), **six** of whom have more than one characteristic.

Of the **four** children who would not be considered more difficult to find families for:

- One child had only received their Placement Order on 30th August and family finding was ongoing.
- One child had a potential family identified and a linking visit was planned.
- One child's foster carers had expressed an interest in adopting them and exploration/assessment of this was ongoing.
- For the fourth child family finding was ongoing and no links had been identified.

Three of the children considered more difficult to find families for had families identified. In the remaining **nine** children there were four sibling groups of two. For one pair of brothers' family finding was on hold following a disruption.

For another sibling group their foster carers had expressed an interest in being their permanent carers and this was being explored. Family finding was ongoing for the other two sibling groups. For the individual child a sibling was born, and a family member came forward for assessment, therefore family finding was placed on hold while care planning decisions were made.



For the **eight** children adopted in the period:

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"*

405 to 610 days (national target is 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"*

220 to 282 (the national target is 121 days)



One child took 1180 days from entering care and moving in with his adoptive family. It took 728 days to match him with a family following the making of a Placement Order. This little boy had several complex needs which significantly reduced the number of adoptive families able to care for him.

A sibling group of two children took 824 days from entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. It took 343 days from the making of a Placement Order to matching them with their family. The initial care plan was to place the children under an SGO with a family member. Sadly, this was not successful. A family was identified, but concerns emerged during the matching process and as a result did not progress to matching panel. Another family was quickly identified, but overall, there was some delay due to the initial match not progressing.

Without these three children, the A10 indicator is 410 days, which is in line with previous timescales and only just above the national indicator. The A2 indicator is 169 days, which is an improvement on previous timescales.



ADOPTION SUPPORT



	Q1&Q2 23/24	Compared to Q1&Q2 22/23
Children and families receiving adoption support	164	↑ +7
Families allocated to Early Advice & Support worker*	34	
File access requests	26	↓ -9
Applications to the Adoption Support Fund approved	51	↑
ASF funding for therapeutic interventions	£189,582	↓ -£59,817
811 letters processed by the Letterbox team	350 incoming	↑ +80
	261 outgoing	↑ +61
Appointments offered to Kirklees families by PAC-UK	65	=

*At half year end. These families are receiving universal support while waiting for another service, such as an adoption support assessment, allocation to a worker or support with maintaining connections.