

Adoption

The process

- Permanence planning
- Deciding adoption is the plan
- Finding a family
- Matching
- Placement

Adoption reform

- Speed up adoption process for children and adopters
- Increase numbers of adopters available
- Introduce new forms of permanence placements. (Fostering for adoption and concurrency).
- Introduce adoption scorecard
- Introduce adoption leadership board (national and regional).
- Regional adoption agencies
- Financial support from DfE to fund changes.

BwD response to adoption reform

- Recruitment campaign
- Case tracking
- Commission worker from VAA to support with family finding — — — — — — — — —
- Implement stage 1 and 2 process for assessing families
- Greater flexibility with adoption panels / agency decisions
- Analysis of delays in family finding and matching process.



Progress over last 4 years

	Children adopted	Adopters Approved
2011/2012	21	11
2012/2013	19	17
2013/2014	43	27
2014/2015	44	29

Score card

- A1: 2014/15 average days from child entering care to starting their adoptive placement (for adopted children)
- A1: 2012/15 average days from child entering care to starting their adoptive placement (for adopted children)
- A2: 2014/15 average number of days from Placement Order to matching
- A2: 2012/15 average number of days from Placement Order to matching
- The DfE National Threshold for A1 is 639
- The DfE National Threshold for A2 is 213

Scorecard

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
A1 2014/15	585.33	761.57	655.54	605.24	548.35	577.26	601.45	590.16	572.35	546.89	538.66	658.31
A1 2012/15	680.94	693.1	681.05	668.44	652.45	653.02	659	653.38	645.84	635.09	627.56	620.24
A2 2014/15	174.50	276.86	231.65	229.75	215.21	247.08	264.21	263.19	253.79	255.25	248.89	254
A2 2012/15	214.40	221.79	217.97	218.59	215.56	224.59	231	231.67	229.03	230.06	228.17	231.57

Scorecard 2015/16

	April	May	Jun	July
A1 2015/16	347	498.67	335.5	
A1 2013/16	645.42	643.71	622.34	
A2 2015/16	176	530.67	281.5	
A2 2013/16	239.34	247.76	241.66	