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Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group

Wednesday, 13th March, 2019

6.00 pm

Meeting Room A - Old Town Hall, Blackburn

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Apologies**
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2019**

To agree the Minutes of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group meeting held on the 29th January 2019 as a correct record.

Minutes of Previous Meeting **3 - 5**
3. **Foster Carers Association**

To receive an update from the Foster Carers Association.

Foster Carers Association information **6 - 11**
FCA - Welcome Letter
FCA - Xmas Party flyer 2018
FCA - Summer Gala Donation letter 2017
4. **Personal Education Plans and Education**

To look at the impact quality and delivery of Personal Education Plans and the challenges, risks and added value delivered.
5. **Feedback from the 'Making a Noise' event**

The Group to receive feedback from the 'Making a Noise' event held on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at Darwen Vale High School.

Make a Noise report **12 - 19**
6. **Monitoring Report; Children in Our Care**

To review and consider the latest monitoring reports on Looked After Children in the Borough.

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**PART 2 - THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED
DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

There are no Part 2 items.

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Harry Catherall, Chief Executive

Agenda Item 2

CORPORATE PARENTING SPECIALIST ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesday, 29 January 2019

PRESENT – Councillors Gunn (Chair), Afzal, Bateson and Whittle.

OFFICERS –

Jayne Ivory	Director of Children Services & Education
Janette Clarke	Head of Permanence
Joanne Siddle	Headteacher for Pupil Referral Unit
Caroline Waldron	Deputy Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children & LAC
Dr D Ratnaweera	Designated Doctor for LAC
Firoza Hafeji	Governance Officer

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group. Apologies were received from Cllrs P Akhtar, Floyd, McFall, D Smith, Casey and Liddle. Apologies were also received from Samantha Briggs, Rebecca McPartlan, Charlotte Hesketh, Aldo Staffa and Robert Arrowsmith.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and were duly signed by the Chair.

3 Foster Carers Service

The Chair advised the Group that this item had been deferred to the next Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group to be held on 13th March 2019.

4 Update on Children Services with a focus on Children in Our Care

Corporate Parenting proposal

The Chair welcomed Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services & Education. Members were requested to consider the proposal of a Corporate Parenting Board to provide strategic leadership across the borough to ensure that all local authority departments and key partner agencies promote and champion their responsibilities as corporate parents to improve outcomes for our cared for children and care leavers. It was noted that the Board would provide strategic intelligence and regular reports on impact to the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group and contribute to and drive a Corporate Parenting work plan.

Members were informed that a "Make A Noise" consultation was to be held on 20th February 2019 which would see children and young people of all ages come together in the half term holiday to take part in a fun afternoon with participation activities and informal chat. The learning from the consultation would influence and strengthen the work of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group and pave the way for a work plan which would be driven by the proposed Corporate Parenting Board.

The Group heard that the Corporate Parenting Board will not take the place of the current Executive decision making functions and roles within the council, and seeks to complement our existing governance arrangements. It was noted that the Group was to be chaired by the Director of Children's Services alongside the Chair of Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group as the Deputy Chair.

RESOLVED - That Members thanked Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services & Education and noted and approved the proposal of a Corporate Parenting Board.

Update on Ofsted recommendations

The Director of Children's Services & Education gave a verbal update on Ofsted recommendations which included looking at the broader and wider remits.

It was noted that an overview of the implementation process was to be brought to a future Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group which would demonstrate the impact it would have on our children and families.

5 Adoption Report

The Chair welcomed Janette Clarke, Head of Permanence to share a presentation on Permanency.

Members were taken through the key drivers for achieving permanence and the options for consideration which were shared as:

- Children remaining in the care of their parents
- Rehabilitation to parents (or parent) after court proceedings
- Placement with a family member under Special Guardianship Order
- Long term foster care
- Adoption

The Group heard that the Regional Adoption Agency was called "Adoption Now" which consisted of 6 Local Authority agencies:

- Blackburn with Darwen
- Tameside
- Bury
- Rochdale
- Bolton
- Oldham

Janette Clarke shared the Adoption Now 6 monthly report from 1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018 which highlighted that 11 children in the first 6 months had decisions that they should be placed for adoption. Of those 11 children, 4 were matched and placed and 2 had matches identified. Members heard that as of 30th September 2018 15 children were waiting to be placed – 6 boys over 4, 2 sibling pairs, 1 child with complex needs, waiting for her foster carer to be assessed to adopt, 1 child awaiting a second match as her first adopters during introductions sadly had to end the process due to illness. Adoption Now had approved 67 sets of adopters since November 2017 and 30 were available as at 30th September 2018 – those waiting the longest wish for the very youngest

children with the least unknown risks. 12 children were matched and/or placed in this 6 month period. An adoption activity day was held at the end of September – 47 children and 37 sets of adopters attended across the 6 LA's.

Members were informed that Special Guardianship Order offered enhanced parental responsibility to a connected person for any child until they reach adulthood. Blackburn with Darwen currently had 264 children subject to Special Guardianship Order.

The Group were updated on service development within Permanency Planning which included:

- Ensuring the right children within Blackburn with Darwen remained in care for the right length of time.
- Ensuring the staff right across the service had the skills to always have an eye to the permanency agenda.
- Ensuring that every child whom we looked after had the best life chances
- Ensuring that the child's voice was a common thread within our care planning
- Ensuring that every social work team had the confidence for free thinking and developing permanency plans to prevent drift and delay

RESOLVED – That Members thanked Janette Clarke, Head of Permanence for the detailed presentation which was noted.

6 Monitoring Report; Children in Our Care

The Chair informed Members that in Robert Arrowsmith's absence Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services & Education will present the latest monitoring report for Children in Our Care for January 2019.

Members noted that the number of children entering care in 2018 was 162 and the number of children leaving care was 151 with 41% of children aged 0-2 years old.

RESOLVED – That Robert Arrowsmith, Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance and Jayne Ivory, Director of Children's Services & Education be thanked for the detailed information.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed

Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group Meeting 13th March 2019 6pm

Conference Room 2 – Old Town Hall, Blackburn

Blackburn with Darwen Foster Carers Association (BwDFCA) Presentation

Blackburn with Darwen Foster Carers Association (BwDFCA) is run, voluntarily, by a group of Foster Carers, who believe that regular meetings with Foster Carers will help maintain placements, help Foster Carers to “let off Steam”, realize that they aren’t alone and help them create a larger support network. BwDFCA want to ensure the best for all our Fostering Families and to provide them with the best possible help, information and support available.

The BwDFCA Committee Members are:

Sharon Burns – Chair

Antony (Tony) Matthews – Vice Chair

Bernadine (Bernie) Tomlinson -Treasurer

Carole Bennett – Vice Treasurer

Paula Quinn -Events and Fundraising Manager

Anthony (Tony) Perrie – Website Administrator

Samantha (Sam) Briggs – Secretary

BwDFCA hold meetings approx. every 6-8 weeks

2019 BwDFCA Meeting Dates are:

13th March/1st May/12th June/10th July/18th Sept/30th Oct and 11th Dec.

These meetings are all on Wednesday’s -12.30pm until 2.30pm at Ivy Street Community Centre, Blackburn. Buffet Lunch is included. NON members would need to contact BwDFCA Secretary -Sam Briggs – funkybudda@talktalk.net or sjbriggs61@gmail.com to confirm they wish to attend a specific meeting and give a valid reason why they wish to attend/speak/observe.

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Blackburn with Darwen Foster Carers Association (BwDFCA) Presentation

BwDFCA also have a website for Carers/Prospective Carers to visit. Please look at it if you get the chance. www.bwdfca.co.uk The secure area on the website can only be accessed by registered Foster Carers with BwDBC. Main site is public.

BwDFCA Meetings- 2019. At present ... We have the following speakers booked:

13th March Meeting - Mike Dixon – Fostering Recruitment Officer. Relaunch of Lets Foster Website. Provide meeting with relaunch plans, relevant info from xmas gift tags/cards competition etc. Answer any questions members may have.

1st May Meeting - Charlotte Hesketh – Virtual School Head and Aldo Staffa - Education Manager - To provide meeting with Pupil Premium info and answer any questions members may have.

12th June Meeting -Pat Lewis – Foster Talk –To Provide meeting with Taxation and Benefits advice and answer any questions members may have.

18th Sept Meeting - AGM – Annual General Meeting. **Members only **-Elect FCA Committee members.

EVENTS – Our events are open to all our Fostering Families/ Children's Services Staff/Corporate Parent's. We would appreciate it if any Corporate Parent could attend any of our events, Cllr Bateson and Cllr Gunn regularly attend our Summer Gala/Xmas Parties.

LAST TWO EVENTS:

Sat 8th Dec 2018 – Peter Pan Pantomime at Empire Theatre Blackburn – Paula Quinn organised this Event – 102 Tickets sold – Great success and a brilliant afternoon, Fostering Families and Children's Services Staff enjoyed a great performance together. It really helps our Looked After Children (LAC) to see their Social Workers in a relaxing, family environment.

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LAST TWO EVENTS – CONTINUED

Sun 16th Dec 2018 - Fostering Families Christmas Party – Organised by FCA Committee – Brilliant Turnout – Visit from The Mayor and Father Christmas. £2.00 Raffle Prize – Xbox One Console -Donated. £1. 00 Raffle Prizes – Travel Suitcase/£50 x 2 Food Vouchers/£30 and £20 Gift Cards/Signed Blackburn Rovers Football/Huge Soft Toy Dog/Plus loads of other great prizes – All Donated. Cllr Bateson and Cllr Gunn provided some brilliant prizes – BwDFCA receive a massive amount of support from them and we really appreciate everything they do for us. BwDFCA also receive a huge amount of support from Fostering Support Officer(FSO) – Tracy Mosley - She encourages carers to attend our meetings and promotes all our meetings when she attends any training, she attends as many meetings, events as she can, She sold loads of tickets to our 2018 xmas party Tracy is a big part of our fostering family – She goes above and beyond her role as FSO to ensure the best for all our fostering families.

2019 Provisional Event Dates are:

Summer Gala – Sat 13th/ Sun 14th July at Ivy Street Community Centre, Blackburn.

Xmas Party - Sun 15th Dec at Longshaw Sports and Social Club, Blackburn.

This is Blackburn with Darwen Foster Carers Association...

Do you have any questions or have any advice that could help us?



Welcome To Our Fostering Family.



The Foster Carers Association (FCA) committee would like to take this opportunity to say a very well deserved **Congratulations** on becoming a Foster Carer with BwDBC.

You have chosen to help a child/ren to achieve their best after a difficult start in life, which is one of the most rewarding and heartfelt things anyone can do. This new role as a Foster Carer will have a massive impact on you and your family's life.

Being a foster carer can provide fantastic, enjoyable and brilliant times/emotions/feelings; however, there may be times when you are unsure, worried and/or feel that nothing you do is working.

You can talk to your SSW (Supervising Social Worker), the CSW (Child/ren's Social Worker) and they will do their utmost to support and advise you.

The FCA is completely independent to the Local Authority and we are here to provide you with Advice, Support, Guidance, Information, and Help to ensure the best outcomes for you and your Fostering Family.

We will do this with:

Regular meetings

Every 6 /8 weeks (Dates in Training Booklet/ Fostering Training website/www.bwdfca.co.uk)

This gives you the opportunity to meet with other carers, discuss strategies that have worked for them, gain years and years worth of knowledge from our fostering family carers who have " been there, done that, got the T-Shirt".

We regularly have Speakers to discuss topics that may be of importance to you e.g. Pupil Premium/Tax Issues/Advocacy and Mentoring.

Just let us know if there is anything specific and we will try our best to find a speaker for the topic/or provide information where possible.

FCA Helpline Number is 07580074678 and we have our own website www.bwdfca.co.uk

If you contact the FCA via the helpline or website and we are unable to respond to your enquiry at that time, we will get back to you as soon as we have someone available to answer and/or deal with your enquiry.

These additional resources are not for urgent enquires, if an instance arises that requires urgent attention after 5.00pm then the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) should be contacted on 01254 587547.

If you would like to receive emails regarding details of FCA Meetings or any information that may be relevant to you regarding Fostering, then you are more than welcome to join our emailing list. Please email FCA Secretary, Sam Briggs to be added to our emailing list at funkybudda@talktalk.net or you can text or ring her on her Mobile 07926558643.

We hope you will be able to attend some of our FCA meetings and meet up with other Carers.

Please visit our website for more information www.bwdfca.co.uk

Kind regards

Sam Briggs – BwD FCA Secretary



FCA - Fostering Families

Christmas Party

Sun 16th Dec 1.30 – 4pm

Longshaw Sports/Social Club

Bryan Street, BB2 3PH

(Party suitable for children aged 0 to 12; however older children are always welcome)

Lots of Fun –Entertainment (With prizes for children), Food,
£5 Ticket Raffle, £1 a Strip extra Raffle and a Visit from
Santa.

Turkey Sandwiches, Picnic Boxes for Children, Mince Pies and
Sweets.

FREE SELECTION BOX FOR CHILDREN*

*AGED 2 AND OVER *

Ticket Price is £ 5.00 per Family

**ALL PROCEEDS MADE FROM TICKET SALES/DONATIONS HELP FUND FCA
ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

Hope you and your family will be able to join us, it's great when we can all
have fun together

Tickets available from any of the Committee members, alternatively email Sam Briggs –
funkybudda@talktalk.net



BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN
FOSTER CARERS ASSOCIATION



Our aim is to help Fostering Families to provide the best possible Secure, Loving, Nurturing, Educational and Happy homes for all children in our care...

We currently hold an Annual Summer Gala (July) and a Christmas Party (Dec) - for all our fostering families to get together and have some fun, loads of opportunities to win prizes, let our fostering families know they are appreciated and valued, this is a great chance for Children to play and carers to relax, knowing the children are in a safe setting.

We are asking Businesses/Companies and Individuals to help us continue to achieve this...

YOU could help us to make a difference and achieve our aims, we really need donations – We currently provide a Free Selection box to every child who attends Christmas Party – value £2 each – Approx. 100 Children... so, any assistance would be grateful – We really need donations towards Selection Boxes and Raffle prizes – Gift cards – encourage carers to shop at your store, Gift Sets, hampers, etc

Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for reading this letter.

SIGNED BY

POSITION – FCA -

On Behalf of Blackburn with Darwen

Foster Carers Association

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Corporate Parenting Special Advisory Group - 13th March 2019

‘Make a Noise’ Consultation Feedback (20th February 2019)

9 teams within Children’s Services and 6 partners worked together to deliver the Make a Noise consultation fun day for children open to social care on 20th February at Darwen Vale High School.

45 children and young people across the age range, 23 parent/carers and invited guests enjoyed a wide range of hands-on participation activities across 17 stalls. The majority of activities were designed to capture the views of children and young people to find out what is important to them and what they would like their corporate parents to get better at and prioritise.

Facilitators enjoyed offering face painting, messy play, badge making, arts and crafts, photo booth, dance and a penalty shootout which was especially enjoyed by the older boys and supervised by a Care Leaver. Despite the cold and wet weather, the climbing wall supplied by Young Peoples Services attracted a number of eager young people. 2BR Radio used the event to ask children and young people about their ambitions for the future and the recordings will feature in future Fostering Recruitment radio campaigns.

Children’s Services teams supporting: Leaving Care, Early Years, Family Support, Family Group Conferencing, Fostering, Adolescent Support Unit, Appletrees Hub, Strategy Policy & Performance & Young Peoples Services.

Partners supporting: 2BR Radio, CAMHS, Looked After Children’s Nurse (NHS), Blackburn College, Making Rooms & Health Watch

What are Children & Young People Saying?

Below is the feedback captured on the day which covers themes including free time & hobbies; interaction with professionals & carers; views on being in care; what I want more of and what I don’t like. This work is in addition to the detailed discussions with children and young people throughout the year, particularly their engagement as part of the Investing in Children accreditation process which is held by 25 services across the borough.

Activity 1) Body Mapping – What matters to you?

- Love & friends
- Fun
- Love
- Loving animals
- Caring for the environment, climate and making sure people are safe
- Living
- My family x 3
- That I have really good parents
- That I have a good family and I focus really hard to have a good future
- My real family and my foster family
- Fortnite, football, family

Activity 2) Your Voice is Important to us

- Lytham Road helps me have time away from my parents
- I like all the toys where I live. My favourite is Doc McStuffin (age 4)
- Free scooter parts
- Really kind foster carers
- I like doing IT
- I like going to Junction 4 skatepark in Darwen
- I'd like to see my social worker more (age 13)
- I get more support in hard situations
- I like my tablet, family and outdoors
- Going on holiday
- My meetings are boring
- Spending time with my carers – they listen to me (age 14)
- Playing
- I like reading and spelling at school
- I love segways, but I hate people that think what's best for me when it isn't
- I like to dance every day
- It's safe in placement
- I don't like the review booklet and I need some help filling it in (age 12)
- I like that there is a lot of support if I need it (age 13)
- I would like more days out with YPS
- When people be mean I need support
- I would like to get better facilities at my school

Activity 3) What do you want more of?

- Sleepovers
- Trips out
- Going to my friends
- More days out with my family
- ASU not cancelling
- More group work (ASU)
- "I love ASU"
- Competitions

Activity 4) What do you want that you don't have?

- Phone
- Going to college
- Nintendo Switch
- Less crime
- Everything to be mine
- To get better at Maths
- To focus on the things I love

Activity 5) What do you want to change about the help you receive?

- ASU is the best place ever
- Amanda is the best ASU worker (and Melissa)!
- Sometimes the social worker doesn't listen to things I have to say (we should all have a say)
- Meetings – because they are boring and I feel like I have nothing to lose because I am fed up with having them
- Social worker changes all the time

Activity 6) Parent/Carers feedback

- Social Worker to listen to what I say
- More fun activities at the ASU
- Seeing young people I used to care for
- I love my job

Activity 7) Leaving Care Team Wall - What is 'bad' to you, what do you not like?

- Live close to a bad area
- Many burglaries where I live
- Signing yourself out at 16 with no safety net
- Need more help from social workers
- Lots of rules
- Social Worker puts too many rules in place
- When you don't get to see your friends as much
- I don't get to see my family
- When social workers are late
- Not enough help for care leavers – though staff are really good
- Feeling alone and getting into fights
- When people tell me what I can and cannot do
- Going to college
- Not living with parents
- I don't get to see Mum and Dad often
- Not enough support for care leavers in uni
- Personal Advisors prioritise those care leavers with chaotic lives over those who SEEM settled!
- Having to go home
- My adoptive sister might not want to share my toys
- I have to be in really early
- Missing mummy
- Cancelled sleepovers at ASU
- Resources are getting scarce

Activity 8) Leaving Care Team Wall - What is 'good' to you, what do you like?

- I am treated well by carers
- Carers spoilt us rotten
- No trouble at home and I feel safe
- To live in a nice area
- Support with bills
- To live with no trouble
- Watching my young "L" grow into a confident young man
- Like going to the caravan
- Love going to Blackburn Rovers
- Going to new places and learning new skills
- Meeting new people
- When I'm with my mates
- Having a mum
- Being at home
- Hugging Nana
- ASU
- Being with my family
- Better living conditions
- We have a trampoline
- Leaving at 16
- Having lots of toys
- To be happy
- Football
- Having a brother
- Good people to help you
- I get to live with good people
- Being safe
- Having a family life
- Having a better life chance
- We have fab foster carers
- Really caring staff who are always there for our young people
- Learning new hobbies
- Making friends

Activity 9) Pants & Tops (carers and children & young people)

Tops - Positives

- People genuinely care
- Meeting new young people (ASU staff)
- Excellent health advice
- LAC nurse needed
- The young people in care are a credit despite what they have been through
- ASU staff are amazing, like a second family and will do anything for everyone
- Becky is the best Leaving Care PA (like a second mother)
- ASU is very supportive and never gives up on you and your dreams

- Lots of support when I need it
- Brilliant support network
- Enjoy watching the young people growing and improving all the time
- I have learnt about the human body today
- Today has been good to see how interested adults and services are in children in care
- Stroking the cat every morning
- I am grateful for the activities that I do
- Activities at ASU
- Support from agencies with fantastic knowledge to help with problems that may arise
- Days out with my foster carers
- Staff are great
- Watching the children grow and develop
- I enjoyed the teeth cleaning demo
- I have learned about blood pressure and healthy ranges

Pants - Negatives

- YPS should be able to mentor or volunteer at the ASU
- Need more funding for our young people
- Constant change of workers and placements
- Not enough funding in care
- Not enough funding in Leaving Care
- Leaving Care split into age is ridiculous
- Too many rules
- Contact backchatting
- Change in social workers
- Having too many social workers
- Contact arrangements
- Not enough low cost activities for kids available

Activity 10) Dear Younger Me – Postcard to my younger self

- Have a dream and focus on something you love
- Follow your dreams and do what you want – not what your friends/family want you to do. Life is short – enjoy every minute of it
- Take more risks. Most things are not worth worrying about
- I never know what I wanted to do when I was a young person. I liked babies and thought I might work as a midwife. However I feel I have helped to make a difference as a social worker.
- Don't think the world is against you. Do school to get my GCSEs. Have fun and don't take life too seriously.
- Listen to others, do better at school, ask for help. Education is a positive, not a chore.
- Worry less. So many things are not worth worrying about. Enjoy the ride.
- Don't worry so much about everything. Think positive and believe in yourself

- Do things you want to do. Go 4 your goals. Speak up if you have to – respect the other person as well. Have as much fun as you can and try things you might be unsure of.
- Wish I had less arguments and fall outs with my friends
- Enjoy every day. Sit still in a classroom.
- Remember, decisions you make now all affect your future.
- Never give up. Always try new things. Keep playing football.
- Don't be a stroppy teenager.
- Don't worry about what other think! Be yourself.
- Don't' give up hope and follow your dreams. Keep telling yourself that you can do it. Do not wat too many chocolates.
- Focus and don't get kicked out of school.
- Go back to Morris Dancing
- Not to fall through a glass door
- Keep yourself happy and concentrate at school
- Believe in yourself
- Accept complements. Don't be put off by criticism. Believe you can and will.
- Teachers, family (older) know what they are talking about. Education is important. Don't let other put you down.
- Not to be stupid. Don't think everyone is against you. Value those that help you.
- I wish I would have spent more time at home with my parents. Marry for money.
- Be yourself. Set your goals high and don't settle for second best.
- Hello. Don't fight with your siblings.
- Believe in yourself.
- Believe in yourself. Reach for the stars and touch the moon.
- Love life. Smile more.
- Learn to say no!
- I wish I was gooder when I was 5.
- Get a proper education! You need it to move on in life.
- Don't kick and punch. Don't be naughty.
- Don't worry too much. Just turn up and do your best.
- I would listen more. I would try harder in education. I would be more myself instead of following others.
- Milk the system. Get Maths and English. You cannot look after yourself at 16. Don't leave care until you have to!
- You are not judged by what you look like – don't fall for that.
- Not to upset my parents as I did. They still love me though.
- To behave and not fight with other students. Carry on doing motocross and kickboxing.
- Do better in high school. Do better in my GCSEs.
- Listen to advice. Pay more attention. Try hard in class.
- Don't doubt yourself when it comes to music. You might think you are not good at it but you will be.
- Carry on playing basketball.
- Be kinder. Don't smash things. Don't take drugs. Don't drink a lot.

What Now?

From this event the views of the young people will support the development of a new and updated corporate parenting strategy which evidences the voice of the child.

We recognise that we also need to reach out to more young people across our service in different settings. It is therefore proposed that a new and refreshed 'Children in our Care' website is developed so that communication is ongoing and that burning issues can be listened to and responded to.

The Make a Noise event also needs to be considered as a model for any future corporate parenting requirements.

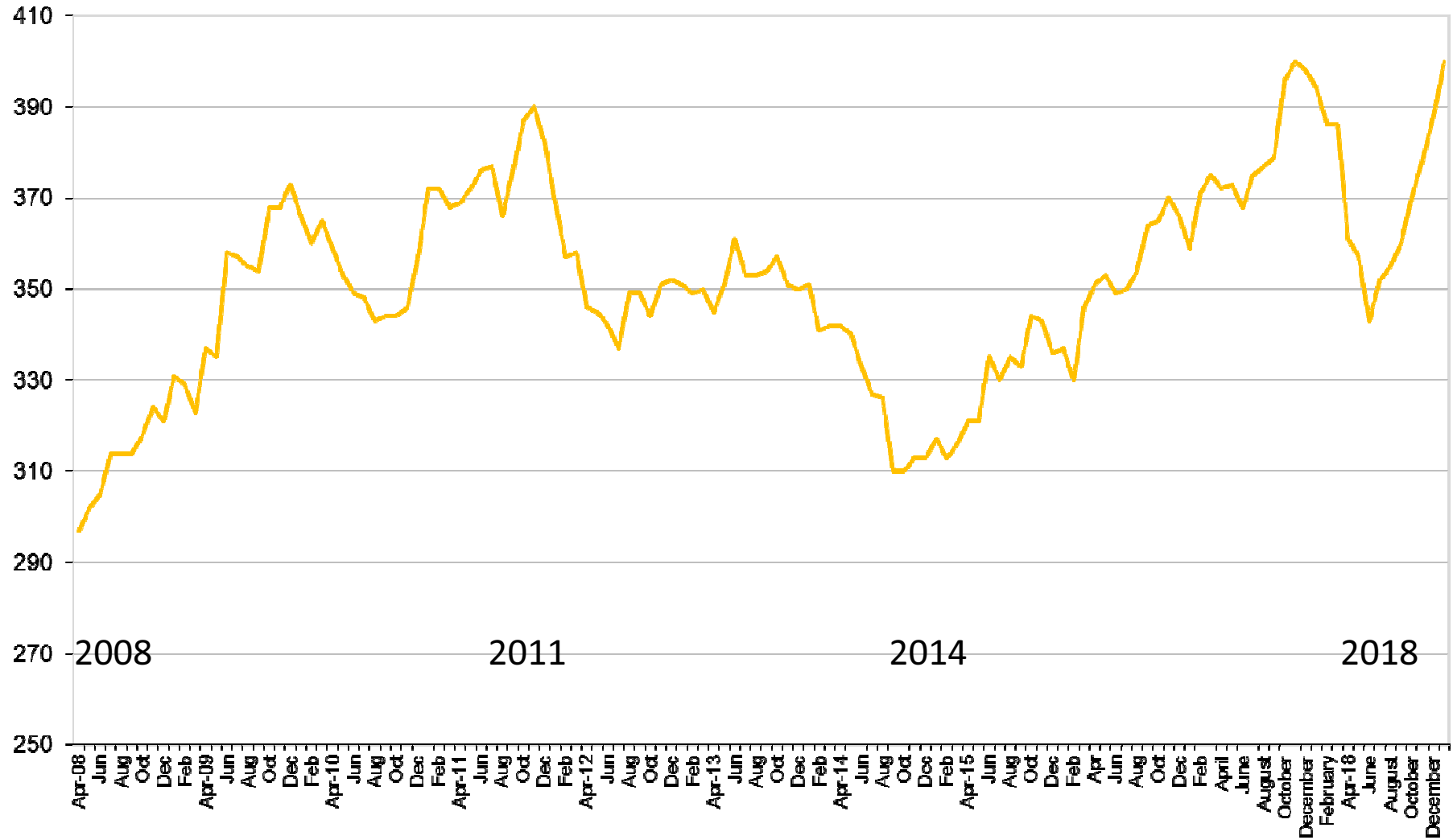
Your views are most welcome.

Janette Clarke – Head of Permanence, Children's Services

Monitoring Report

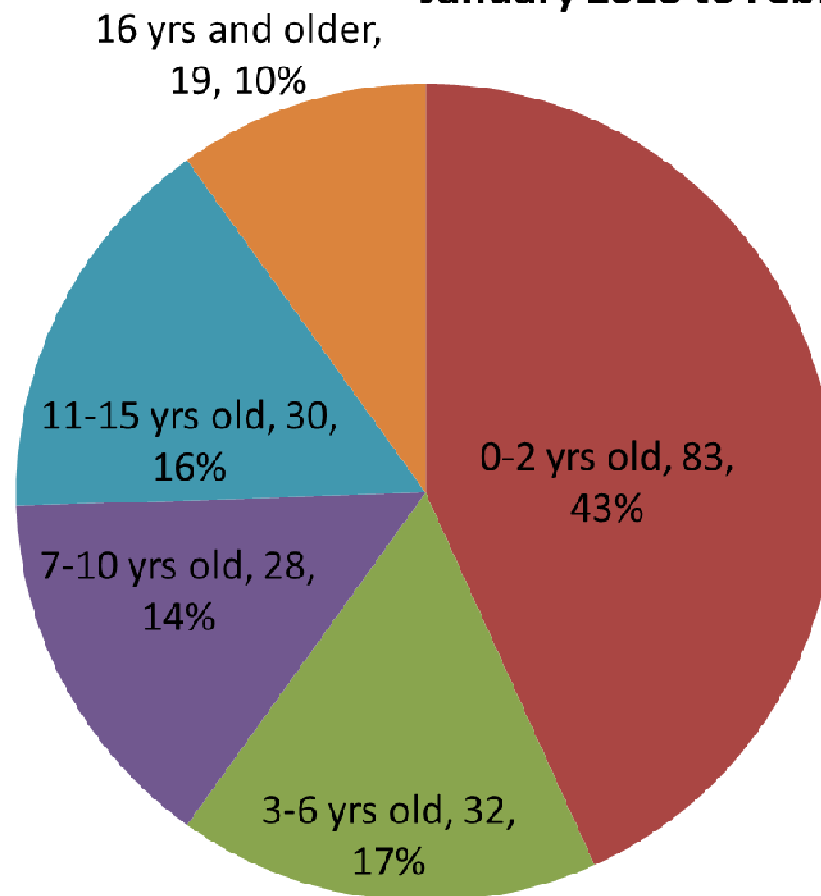
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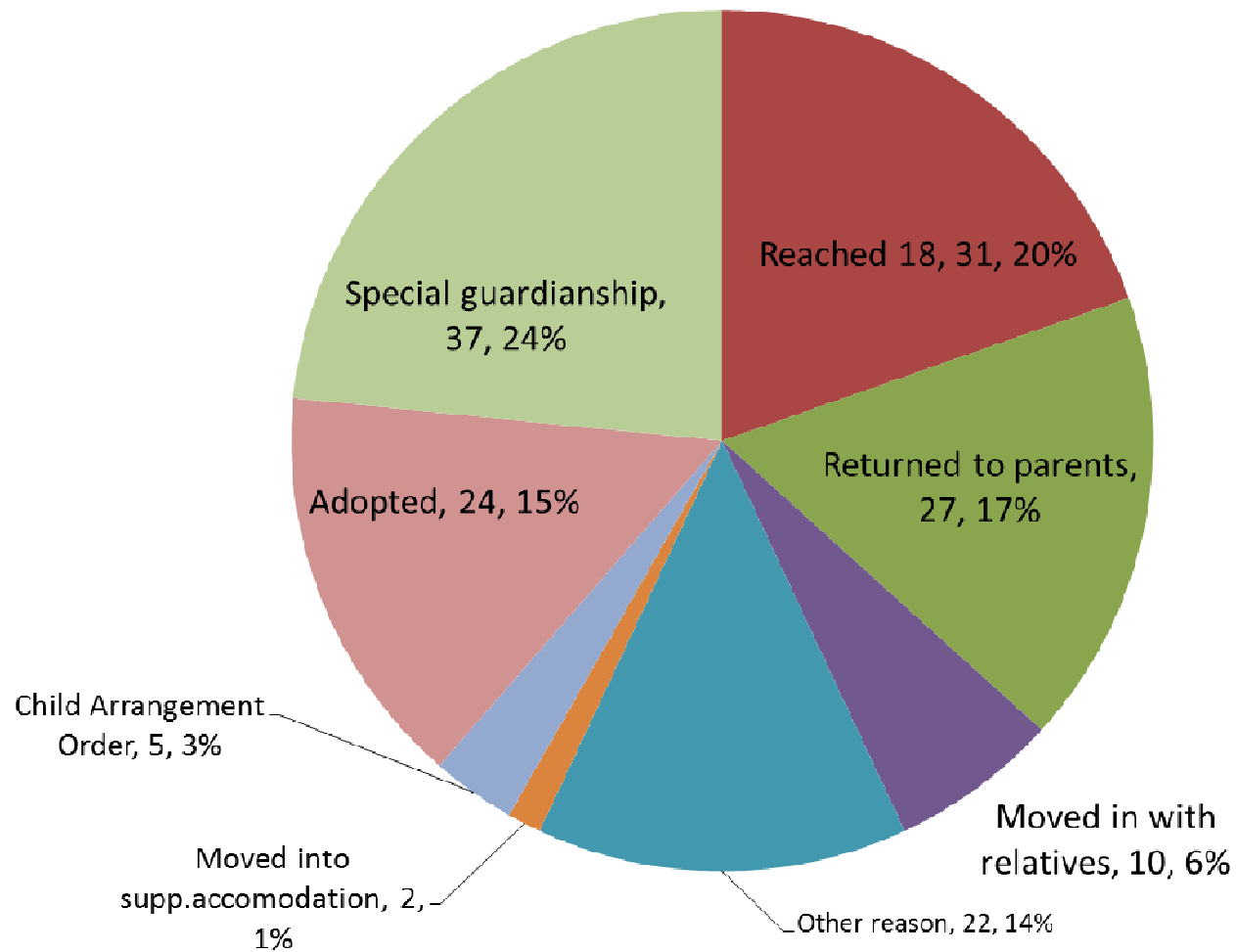


	Entering	Leaving	Net
Total in 2001	111	95	16
Total in 2002	103	117	-14
Total in 2003	131	134	-3
Total in 2004	102	104	-2
Total in 2005	119	100	19
Total in 2006	94	104	-10
Total in 2007	97	92	5
Total in 2008	114	104	10
Total in 2009	151	94	57
Total in 2010	112	123	-11
Total in 2011	155	128	27
Total in 2012	125	149	-24
Total in 2013	123	120	3
Total in 2014	89	125	-36
Total in 2015	163	139	24
Total in 2016	170	139	31
Total in 2017	161	143	18
Total in 2018	162	152	10
Total in 2019	30	6	24

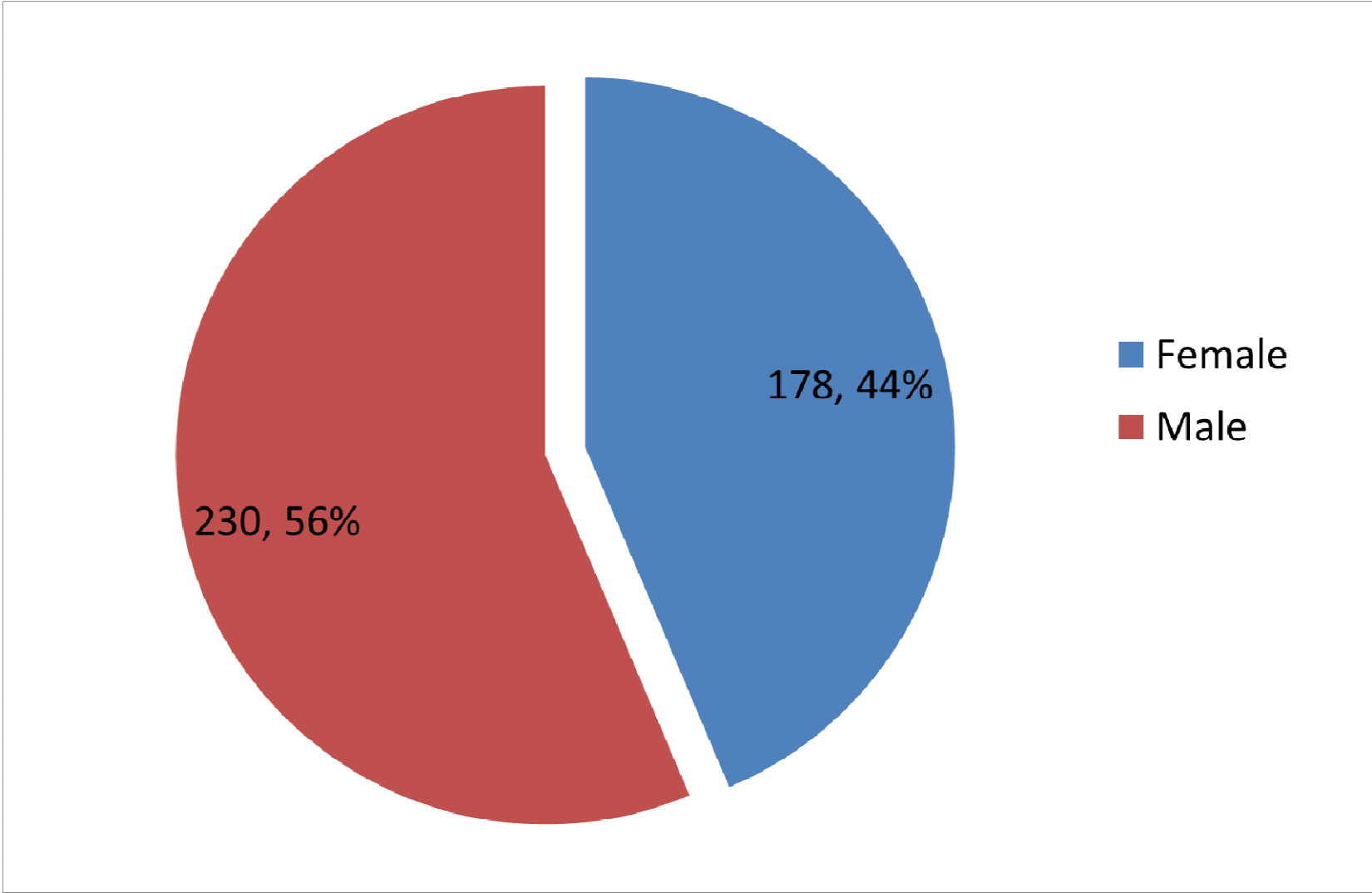
**Age of Children Entering Care
January 2018 to February 2019**



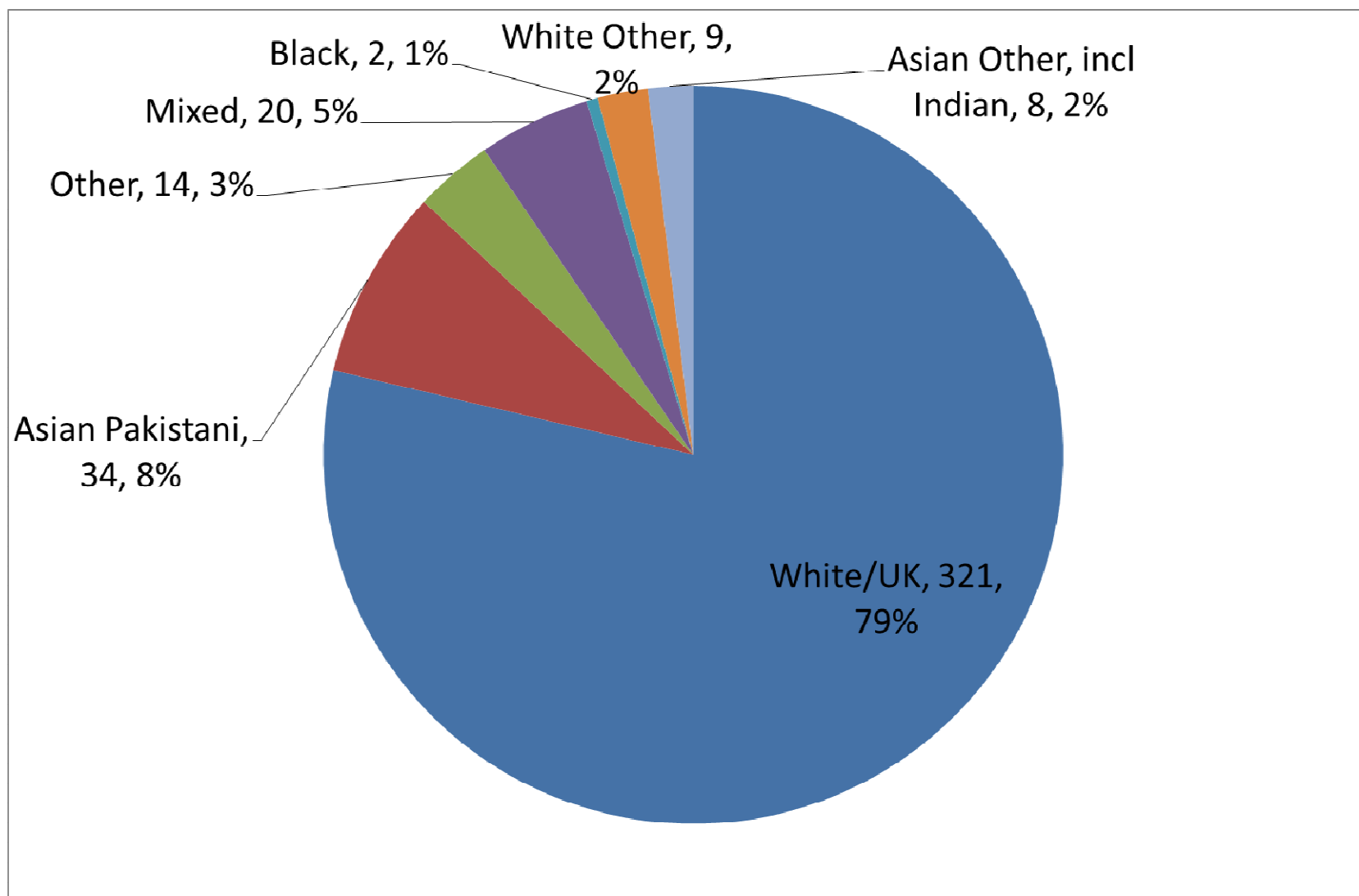
DESTINATION OF CARE LEAVERS: Jan 2018 to February 2019



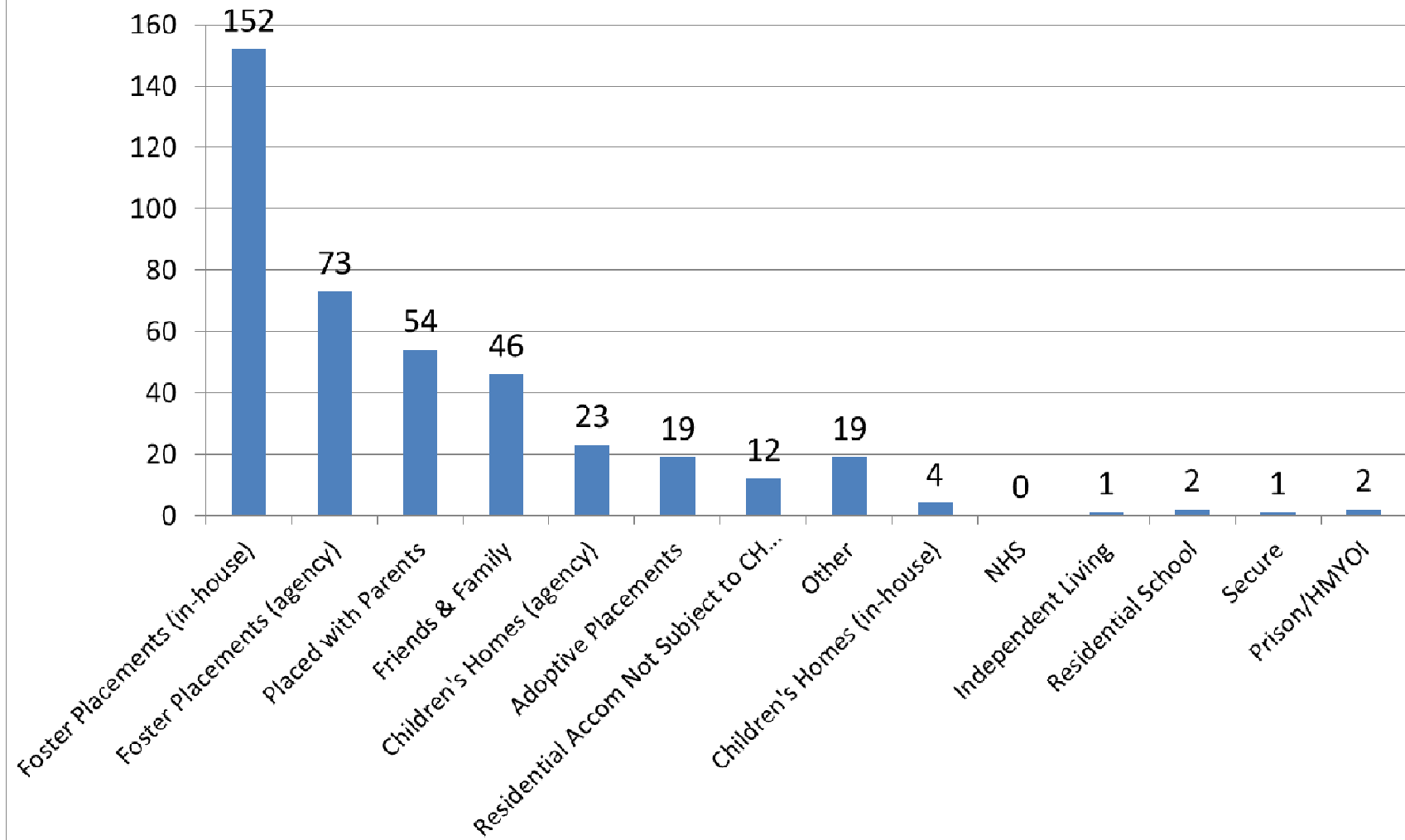
Sex of Children in Our Care



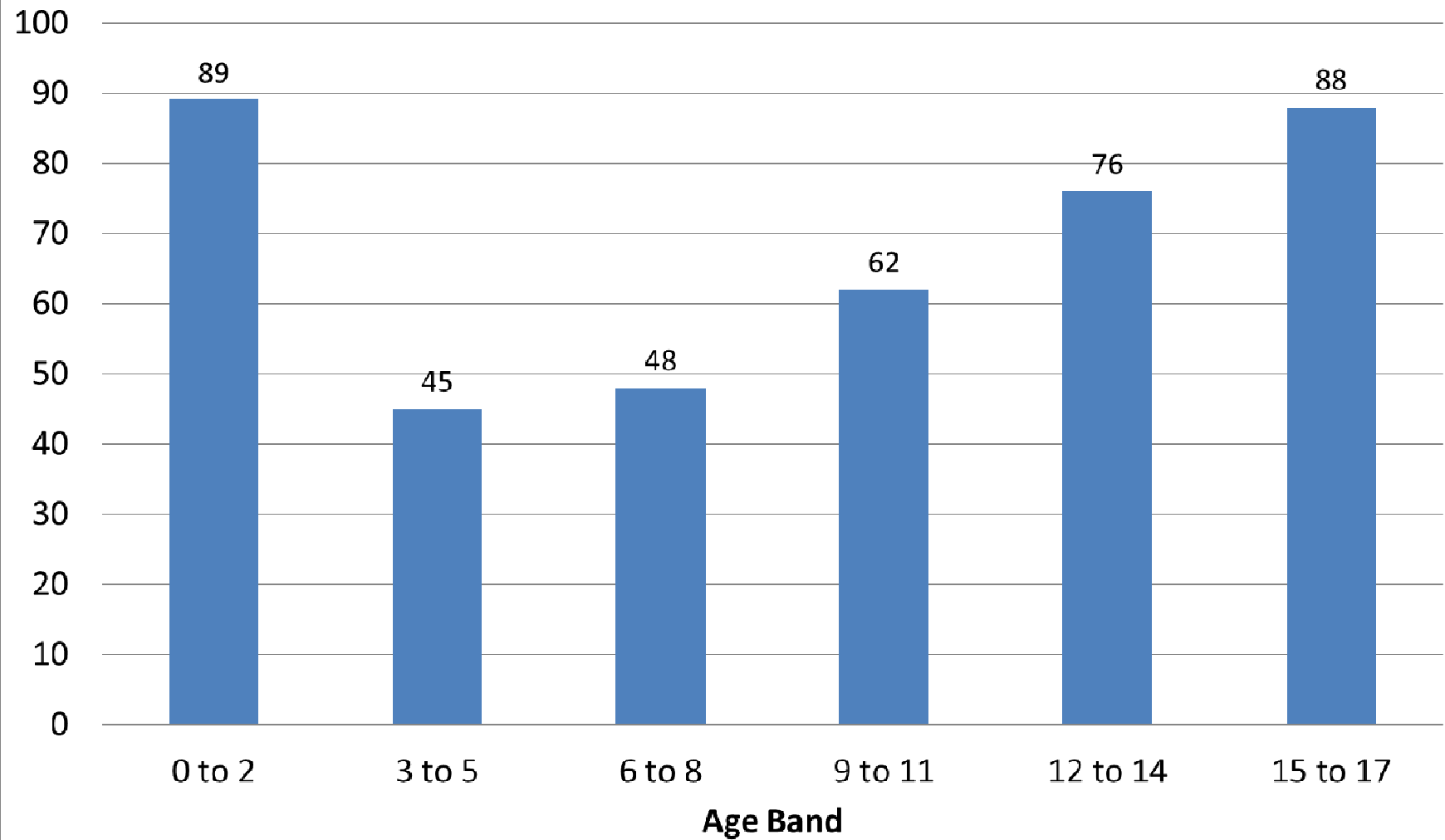
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Where are Children in Care Placed?



Age Profile of Children in Care



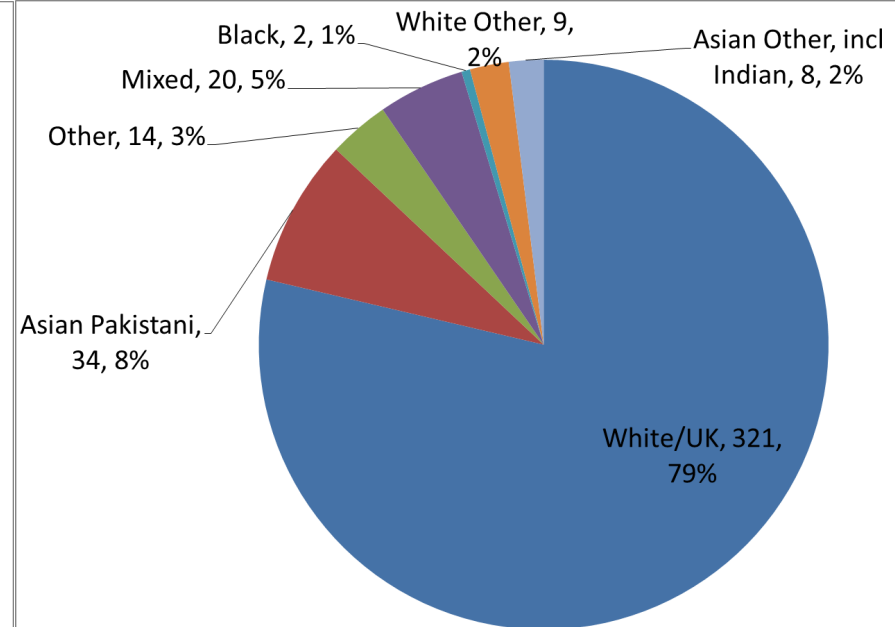
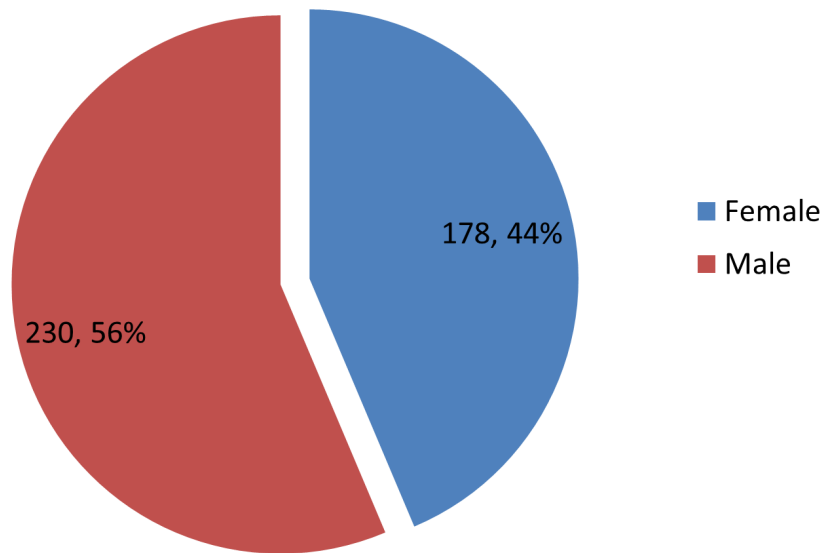
Age Profile and Length of Time in Care

	Current Age																		
Time in Care (in yrs)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
0-1	36	16	14	5	9	5	7	5	4	6	6	6	6	3	6	3	6	5	148
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5-6										2	2	4	1	2	3	3	1	5	23
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7-8								1				1	4	2	4	1	3	3	19
8-9										1			1		1	3	2	5	13
9 yrs & longer										1	1	1	1	2	4	3	4	5	22
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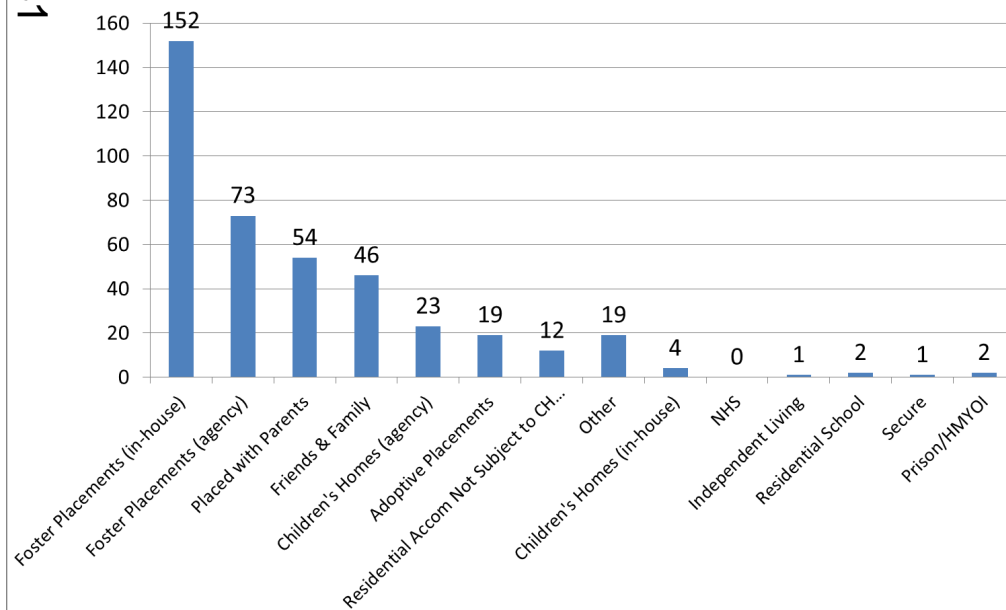
Benchmarking & Other Important Issues

	Current - BwD	Comparator Median	Regional Average	National Average
Number of children in our care (CIOC) per 10,000 0-18 year old population	105	98	94	64
<i>% in foster care</i>	66%	73%	69%	73%
<i>Of which - in-house provider or family and friends approved care</i>	48%			48%
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<i>% in residential/resi schools/secure/other residential provision</i>	10%	12%	12%	13%
<i>% placed at home with parents</i>	13%	8%	13%	6%
Placement Stability (% of CIOC with 3 placements or more in a yr)	7.2%	9%	10%	10%
Placement Stability (% of CIOC in same placement for past 2 yrs & in	62%	71%	71%	70%
% of Care Leavers aged 19-21 years old in Education, Employment or Training	49%	51%	50%	51%
% of Care Leavers aged 19-21 years old in suitable accommodation	89%	88%	87%	84%
Adoption Scorecard (rolling 3 yrs) - entry into care to adoption	429		496	520
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Average Caseload in Children in our Care Teams	23.4			
Number of unaccompanied asylum seekers in care	5			

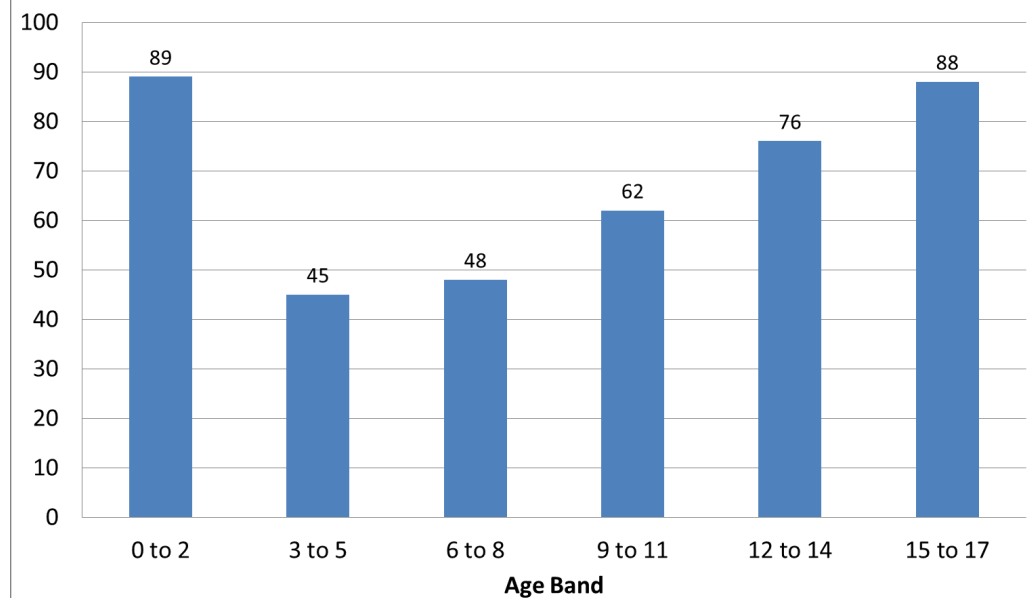
February 28th 2019 - Number of Children & Young People in Care: 408 (+17 from last meeting)



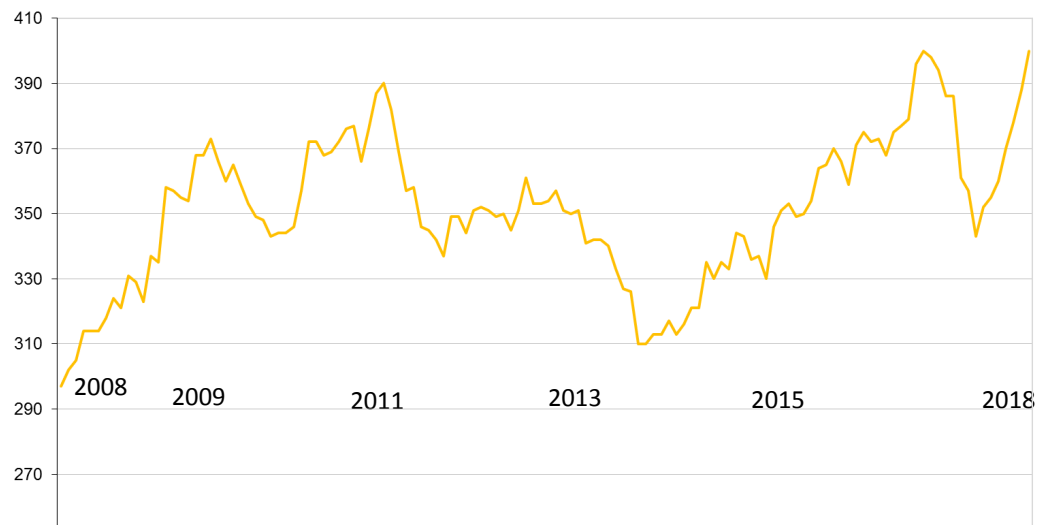
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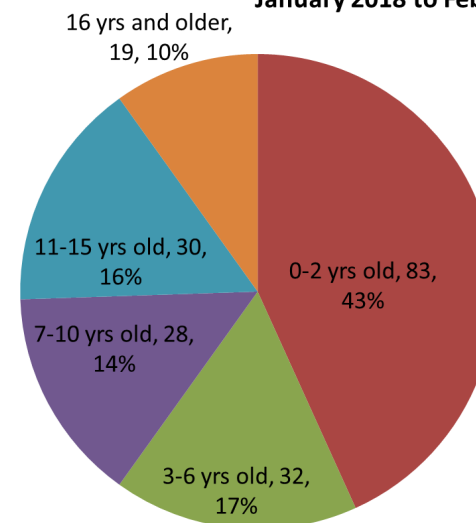
Age Profile of Children in Care



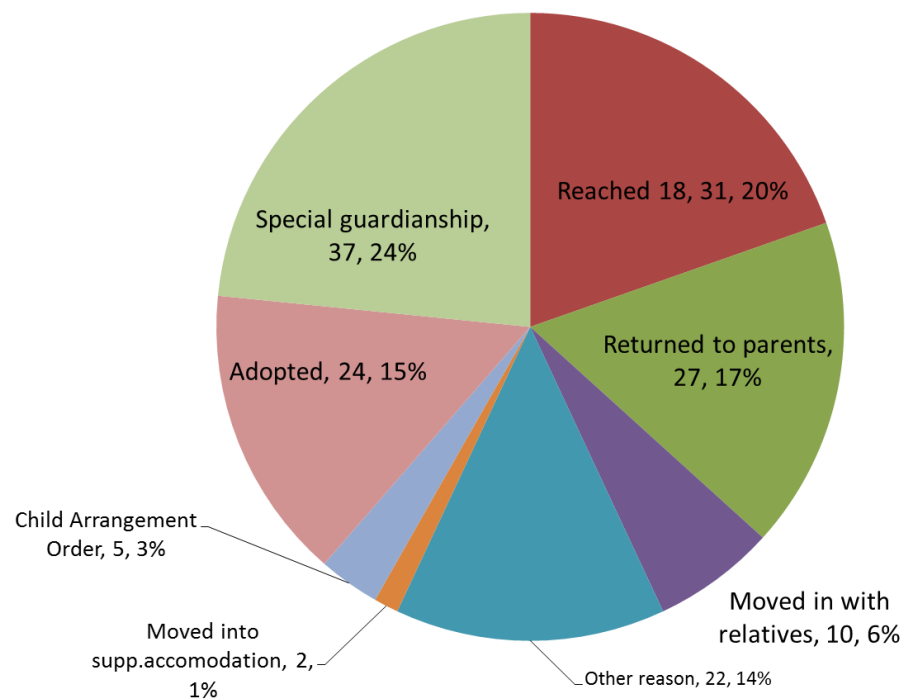
Number of Children in our care since 2008



**Age of Children Entering Care
January 2018 to February 2019**



DESTINATION OF CARE LEAVERS: Jan 2018 to February 2019



	Entering	Leaving	Net
Total in 2001	111	95	16
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Total in 2003	131	134	-3
Total in 2004	102	104	-2
Total in 2005	119	100	19
Total in 2006	94	104	-10
Total in 2007	97	92	5
Total in 2008	114	104	10
Total in 2009	151	94	57
Total in 2010	112	123	-11
Total in 2011	155	128	27
Total in 2012	125	149	-24
Total in 2013	123	120	3
Total in 2014	89	125	-36
Total in 2015	163	139	24
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