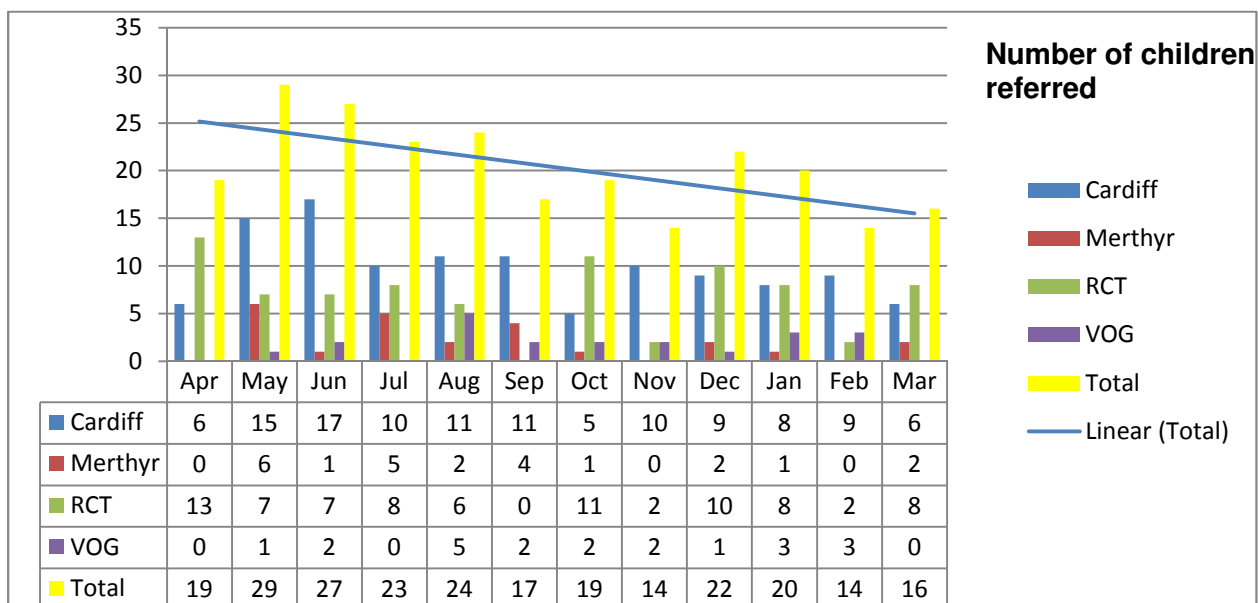


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This report provides an overview of VVC performance against key indicators in respect children and adopters as agreed by Management Board. The information is provided by local authority. Comparative data is presented for 2016-17.

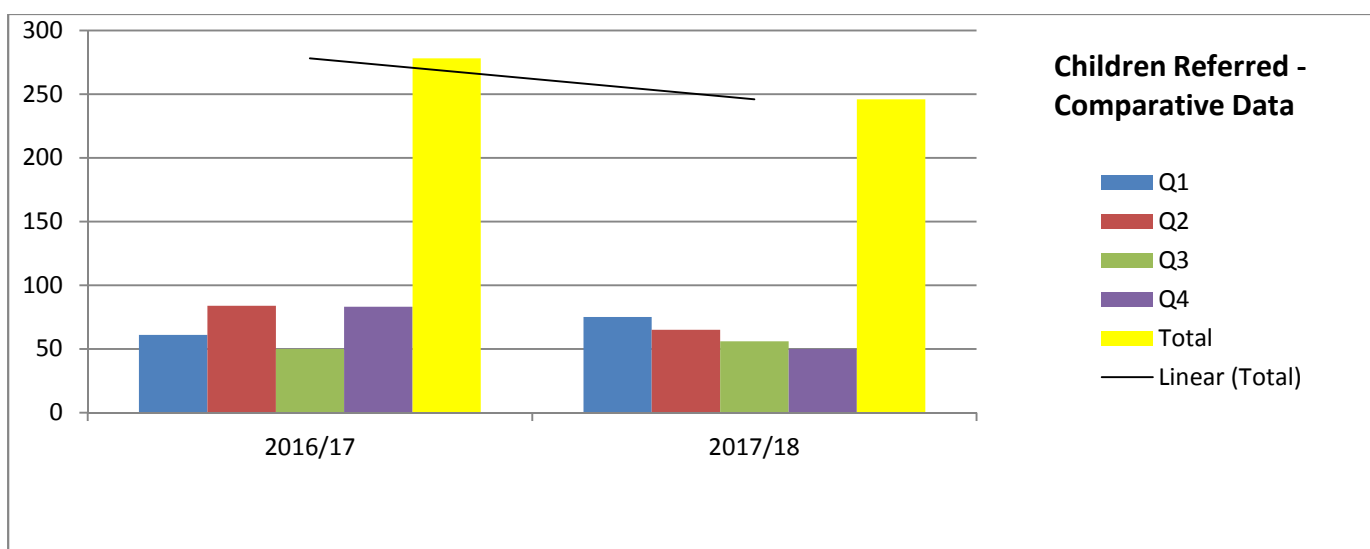
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Number of Children Referrals made to VVC since April 2017 – of the 244 referrals received for 2017/18 – 57 have been withdrawn (23%)



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Total | 117 | 24 | 82 | 21 | 244 |

The number of children referred for adoption has fallen slightly although this total represents the highest in Wales.



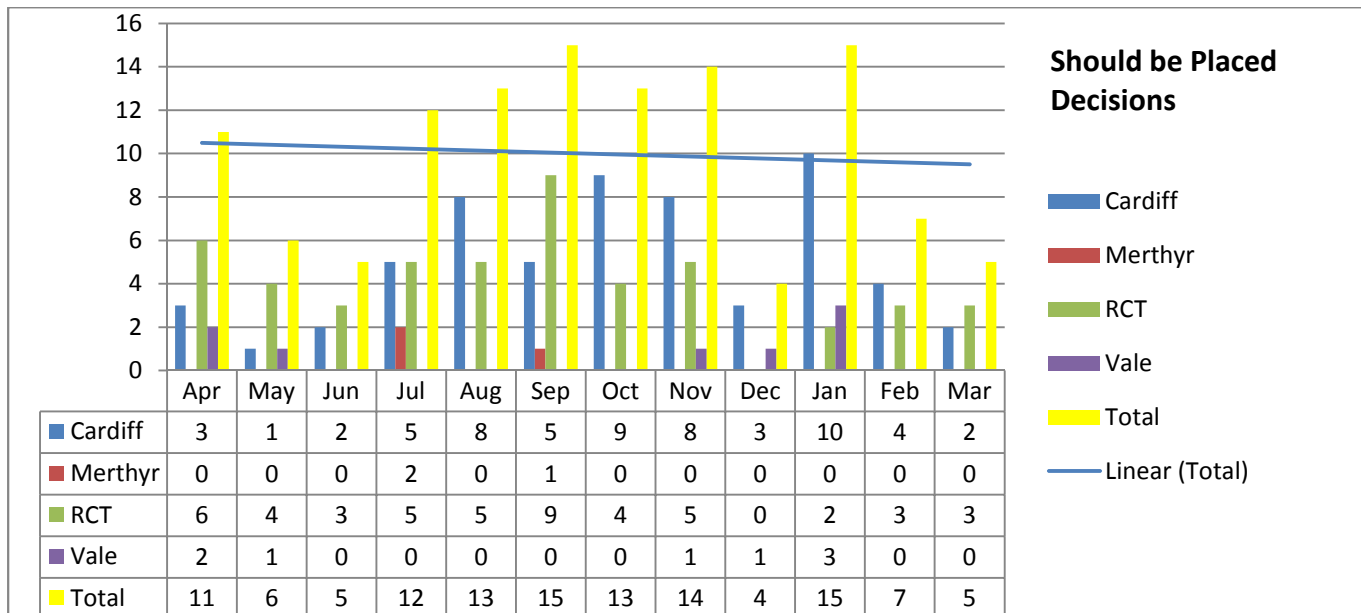
| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
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| 2016/17 | 63 | 84 | 50 | 83 | 280 |

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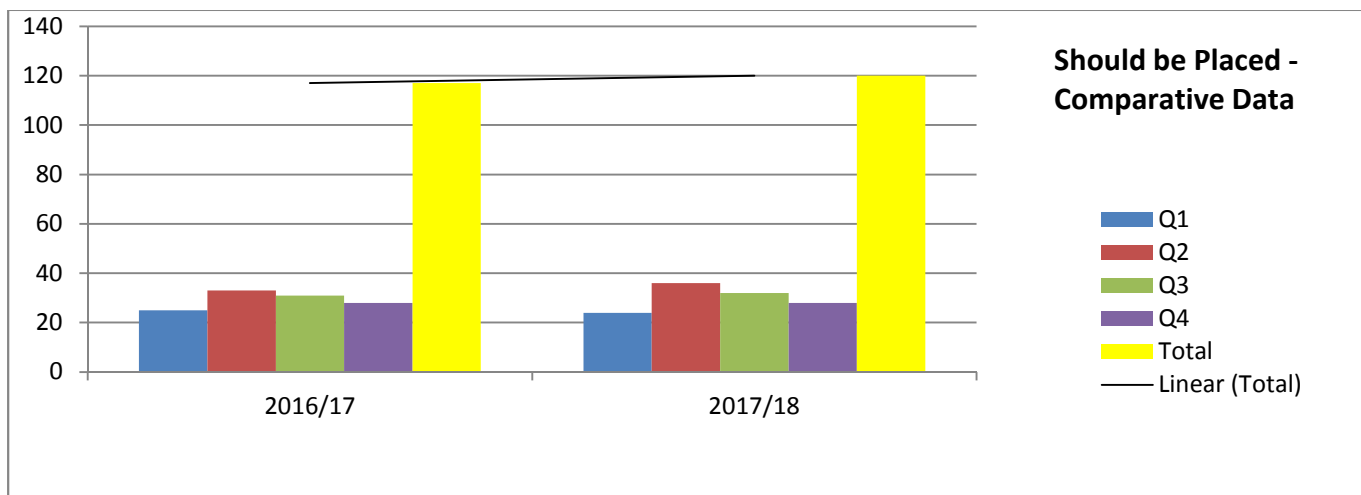
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|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 2017/18 | 75 | 64 | 55 | 50 | 244 |
| Total | 138 | 148 | 105 | 133 | 524 |

Number of Should Be Placed Decisions made since April 2017



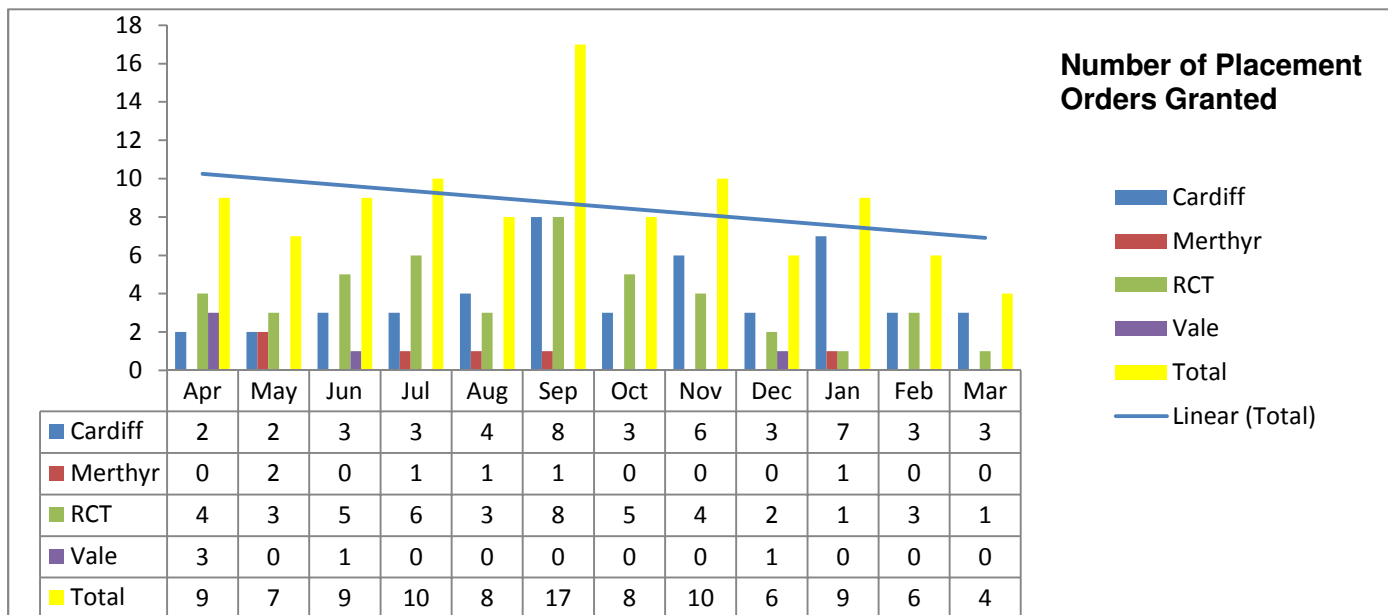
| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | Vale | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Total | 60 | 3 | 49 | 8 | 120 |

The number of children with a Should be Placed for adoption decision has slightly increased during the period.



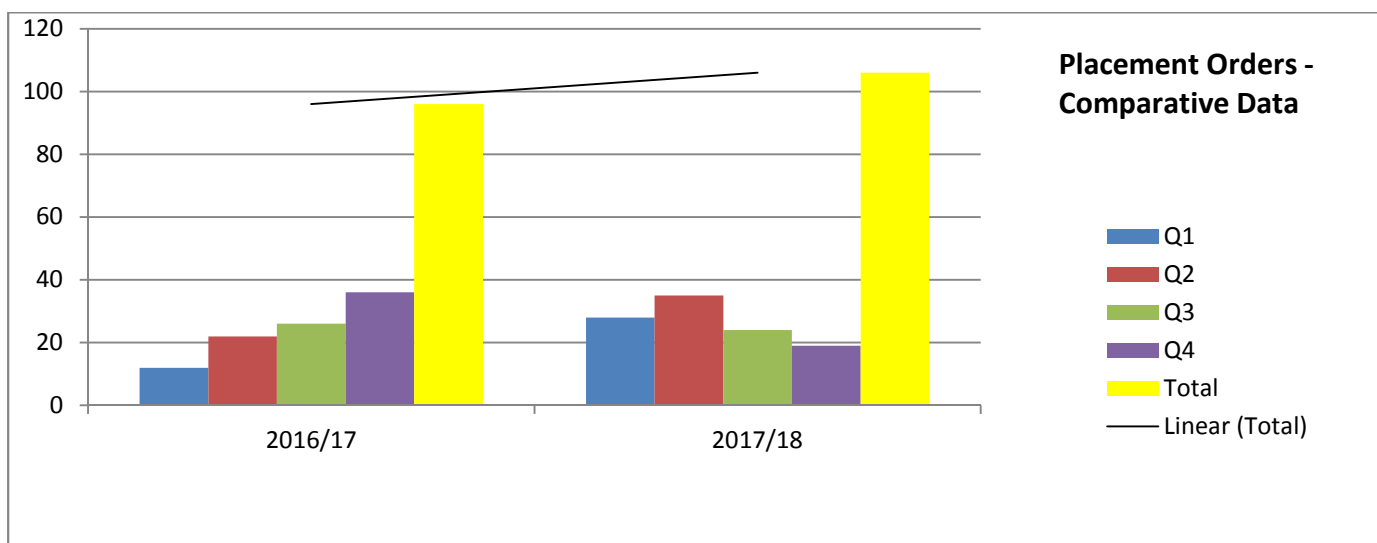
| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 25 | 33 | 31 | 28 | 117 |
| 2017/18 | 24 | 36 | 32 | 28 | 120 |
| Total | 49 | 69 | 63 | 56 | 237 |

Number of Placement Orders made since April 2017



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|------------|
| Total | 46 | 6 | 45 | 5 | 102 |

The region has seen a decrease in the number of children being made subject of a Placement Order during the year but at year end there were 117 children waiting with a Placement Order who were not placed. 16 children were on hold, 24 children were proceeding to matching, 10 had active links being pursued and VVC was actively family finding for 67 children.



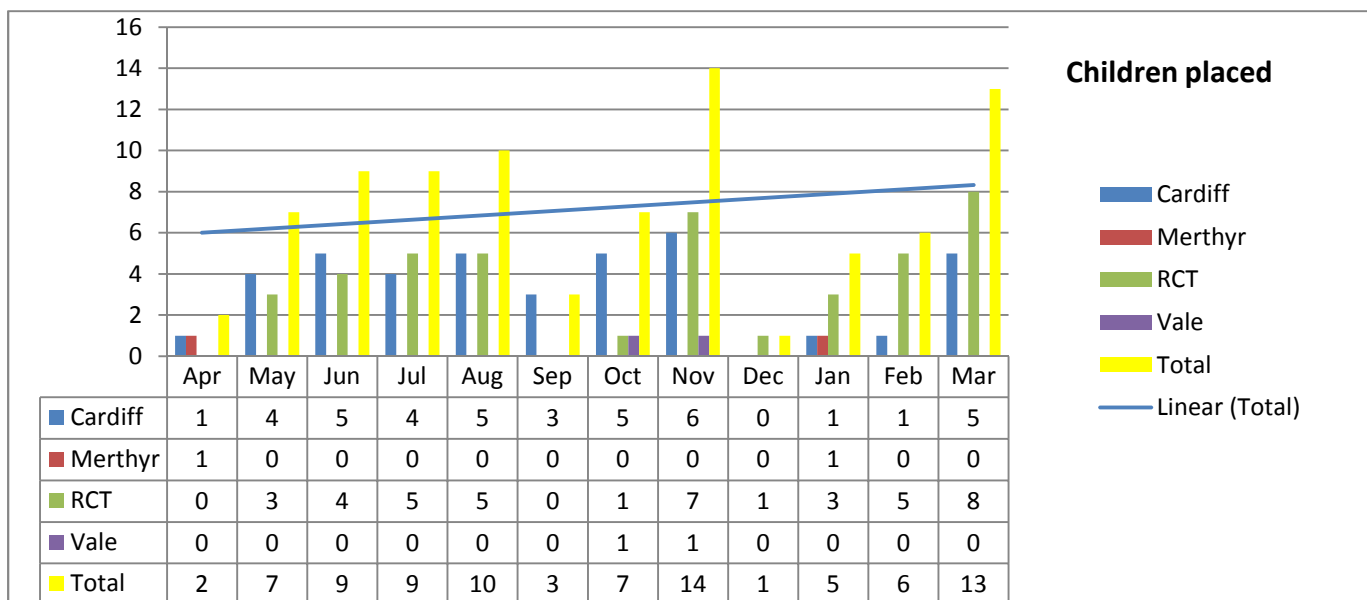
| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|---------|----|----|----|----|-------|
| 2016/17 | 18 | 33 | 26 | 36 | 113 |

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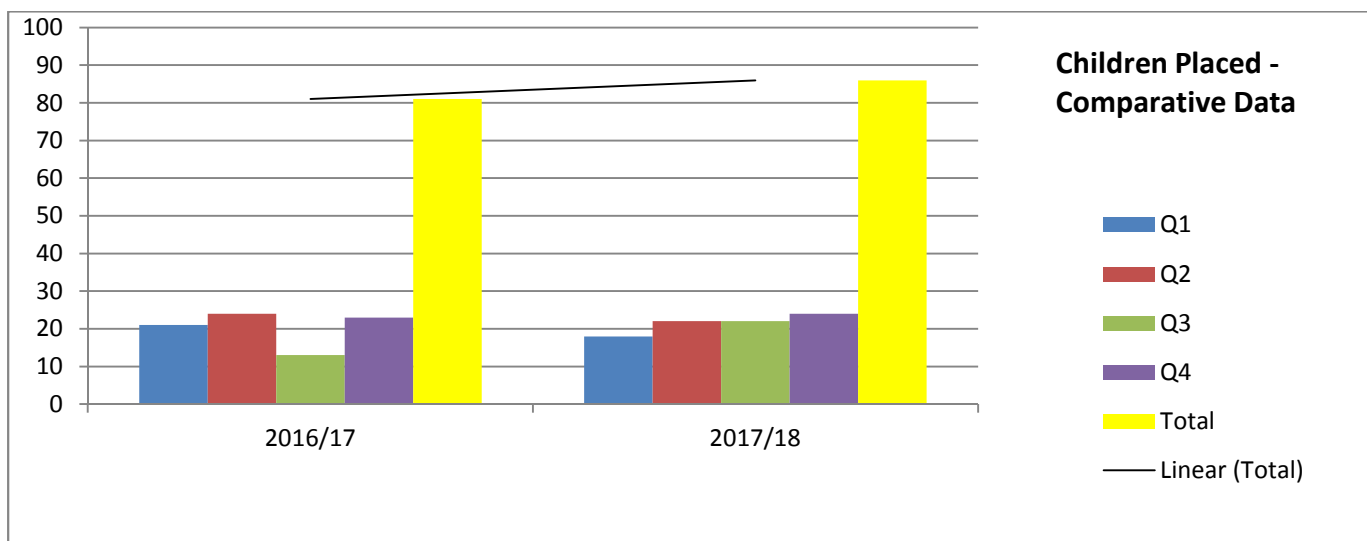
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|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2017/18 | 25 | 35 | 24 | 18 | 102 |
| Total | 43 | 68 | 50 | 55 | 216 |

Number of children Placed for Adoption since April 2017



| | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
| Total | 40 | 2 | 42 | 2 | 86 |

The number of children placed for adoption during the year has increased on the previous year. This number is the highest in Wales. Concern however remains in respect of the number of children waiting for placement and the length of time they wait.

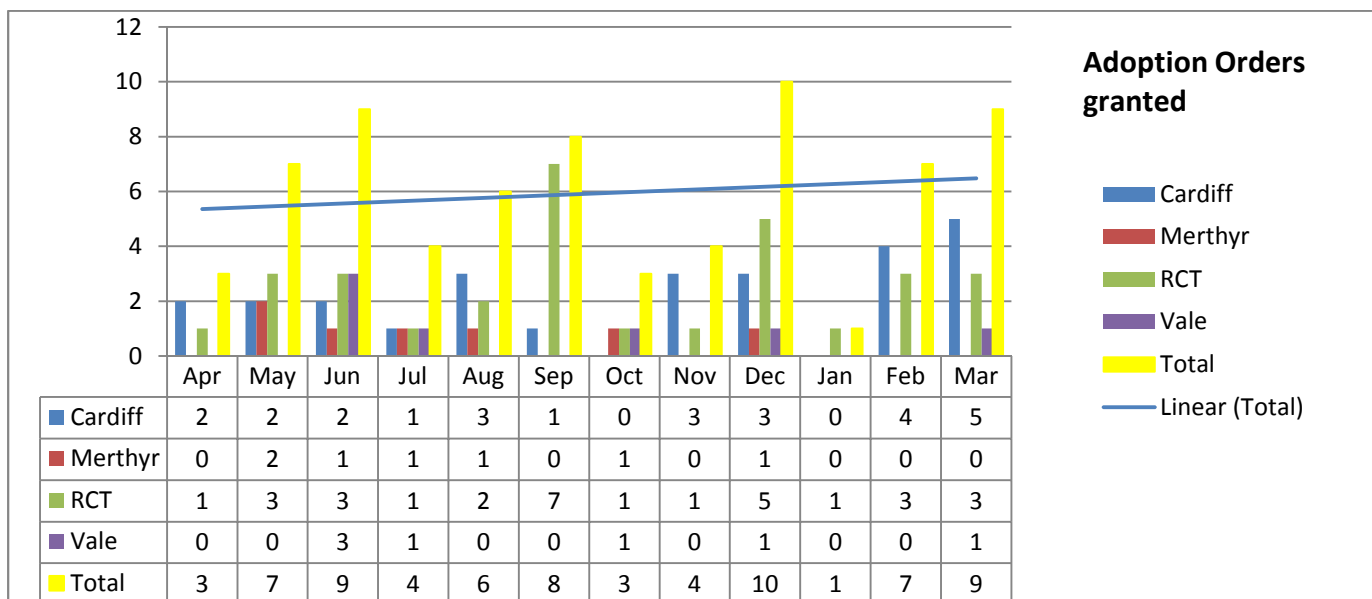


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| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 21 | 24 | 13 | 23 | 81 |
| 2017/18 | 18 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 86 |
| Total | 39 | 46 | 35 | 47 | 167 |

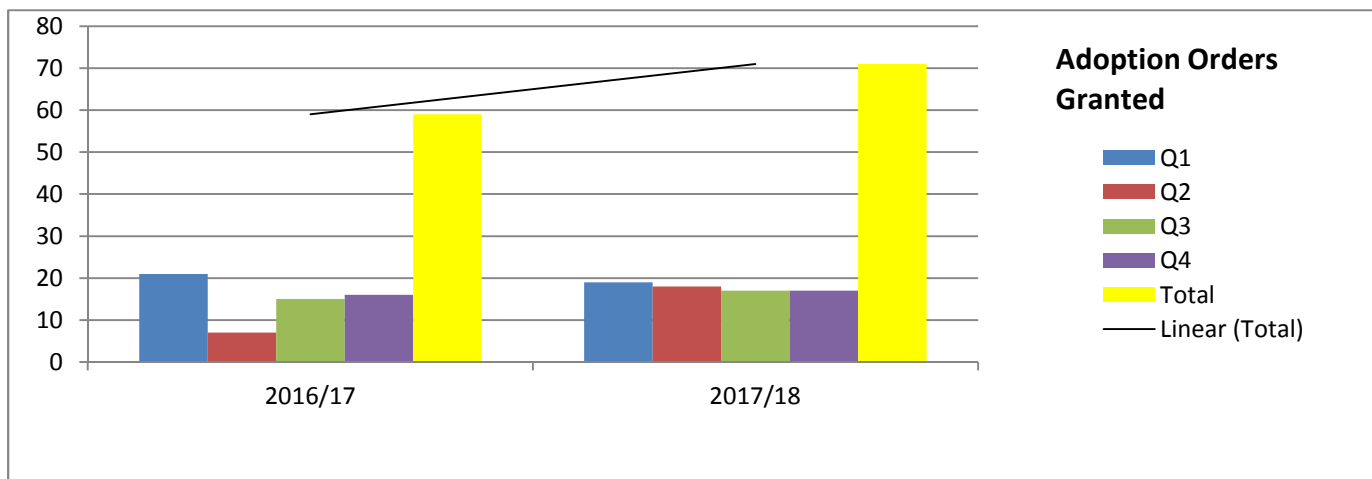
Number of Adoption Orders Granted since April 2017



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total | 27 | 6 | 31 | 7 | 71 |

Adoption Orders have increased from the previous year.

Number of Adoption Orders Granted – Comparative Data

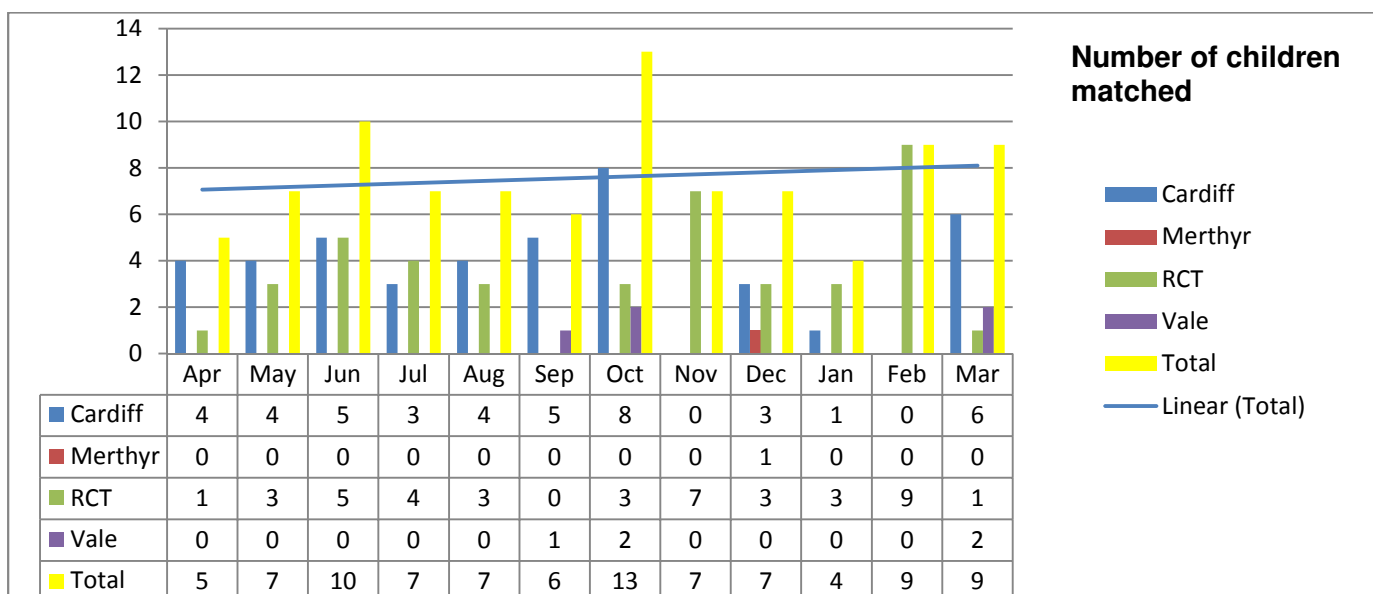


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| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 21 | 12 | 15 | 17 | 65 |
| 2017/18 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 71 |
| Total | 40 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 136 |

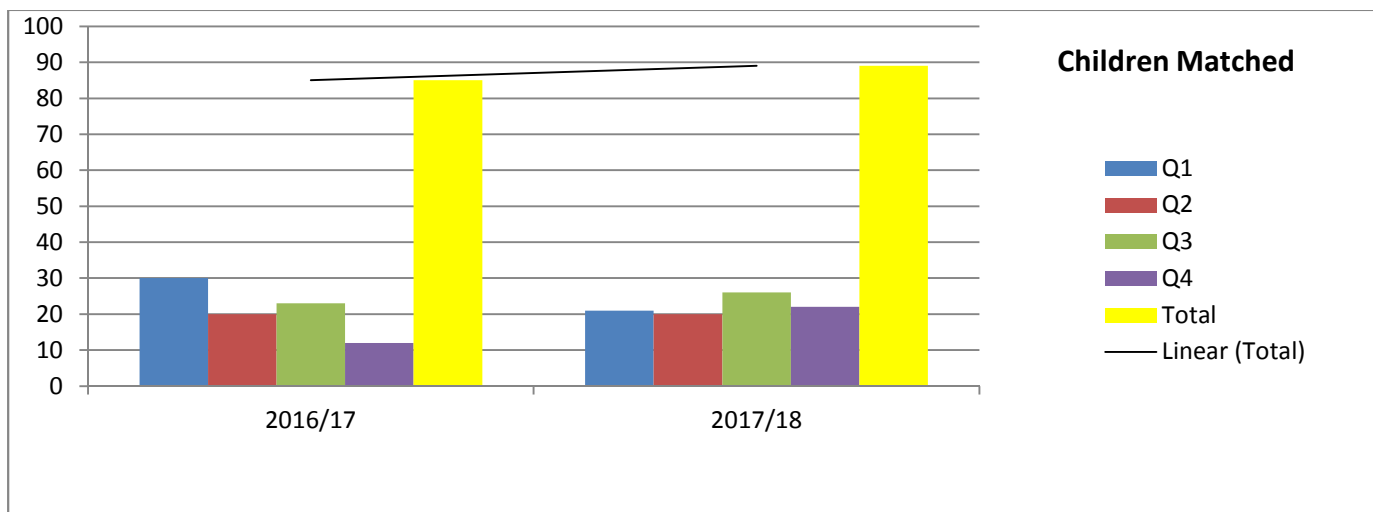
Number of children Matched (approved by Agency Decision Maker) but not placed since April 2017



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total | 43 | 1 | 42 | 5 | 91 |

This represents the number who were matched at the end of the year whose placement fell in the following quarter.

Number of children Matched (approved by Agency Decision Maker) – Comparative Data

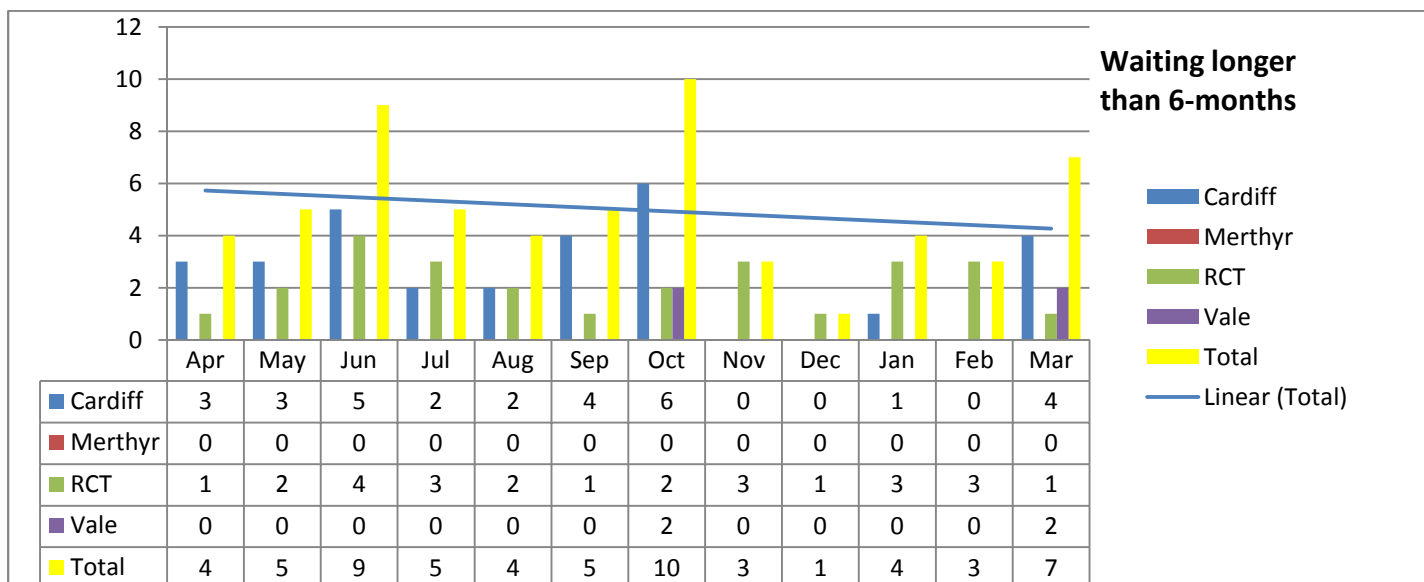


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| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 30 | 20 | 23 | 12 | 85 |
| 2017/18 | 22 | 20 | 27 | 22 | 91 |
| Total | 51 | 40 | 49 | 34 | 176 |

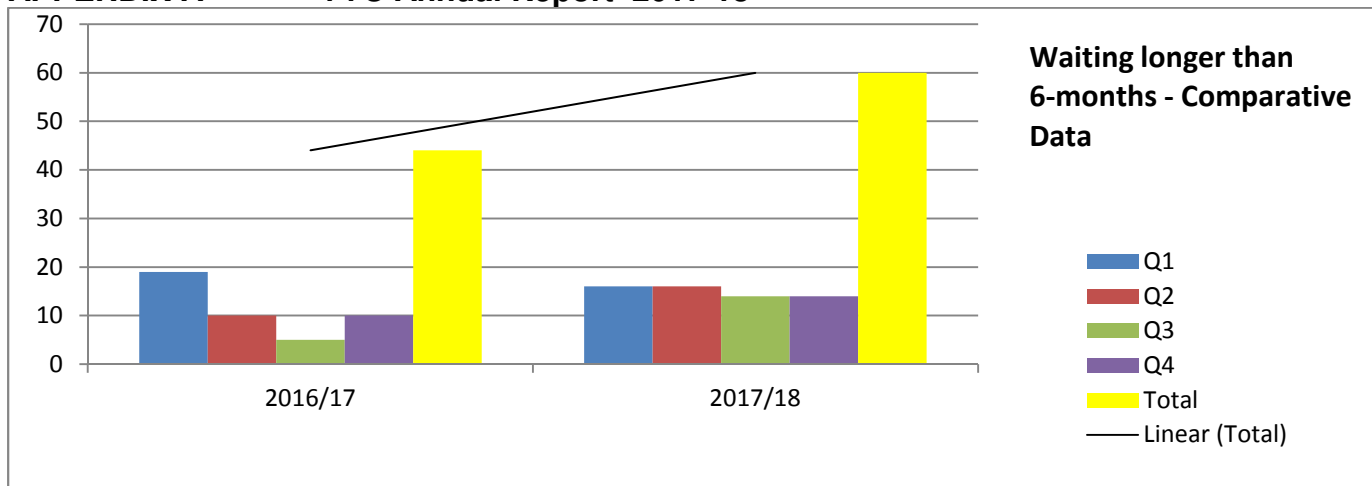
Number of children Matched in since April 2017 who have waited longer than 6 months (or 3 months for a relinquished child under 6 months of age) to progress from date of Should be Placed for Adoption Decision to date of Agency Decision to approve Match



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total | 30 | 0 | 26 | 4 | 60 |

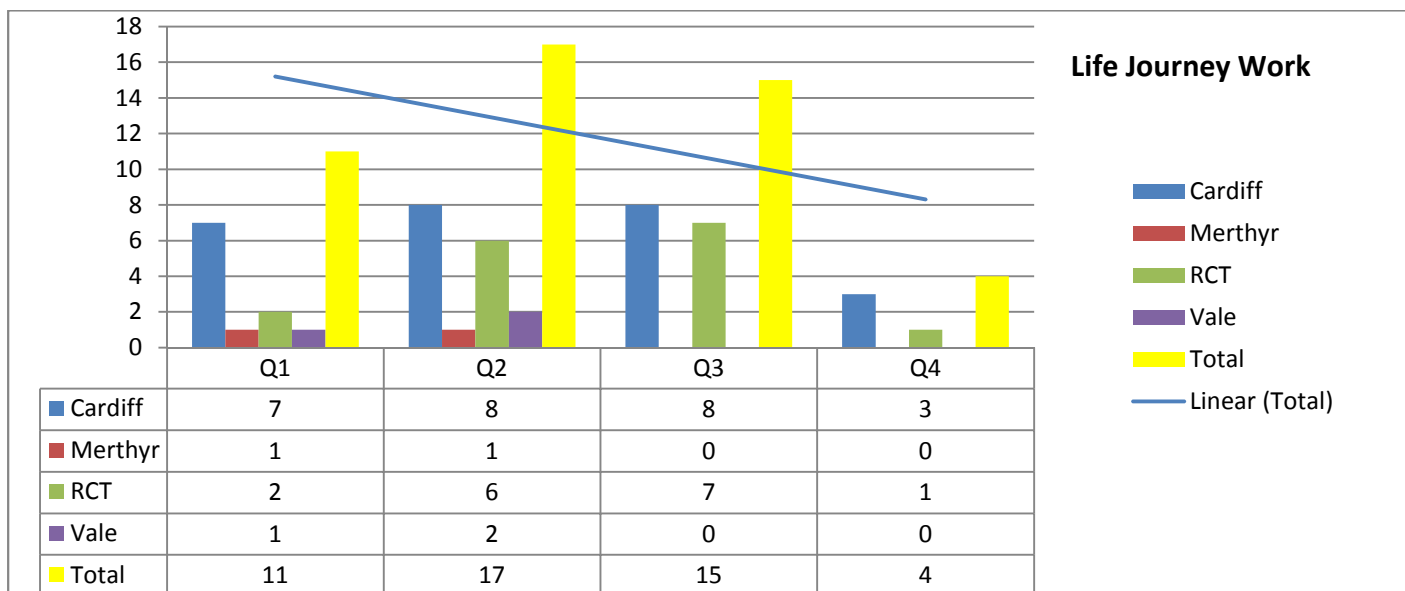
These graphs demonstrate an increase in the numbers waiting longer than six months for placement.

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| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 19 | 10 | 5 | 10 | 44 |
| 2017/18 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 60 |
| Total | 35 | 26 | 19 | 24 | 104 |

Number of children Placed for Adoption since April 2017 for whom Life Journey Material has been provided to adopters by the time of 2nd Adoption Review



| Totals 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|--|
| 2nd Adoption Review | 44 | 2 | 23 | 3 | 72 |
| Life Journey provided | 26 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 47 (NAS have 49 as both the Vale and Merthyr submitted 1 each which was not |

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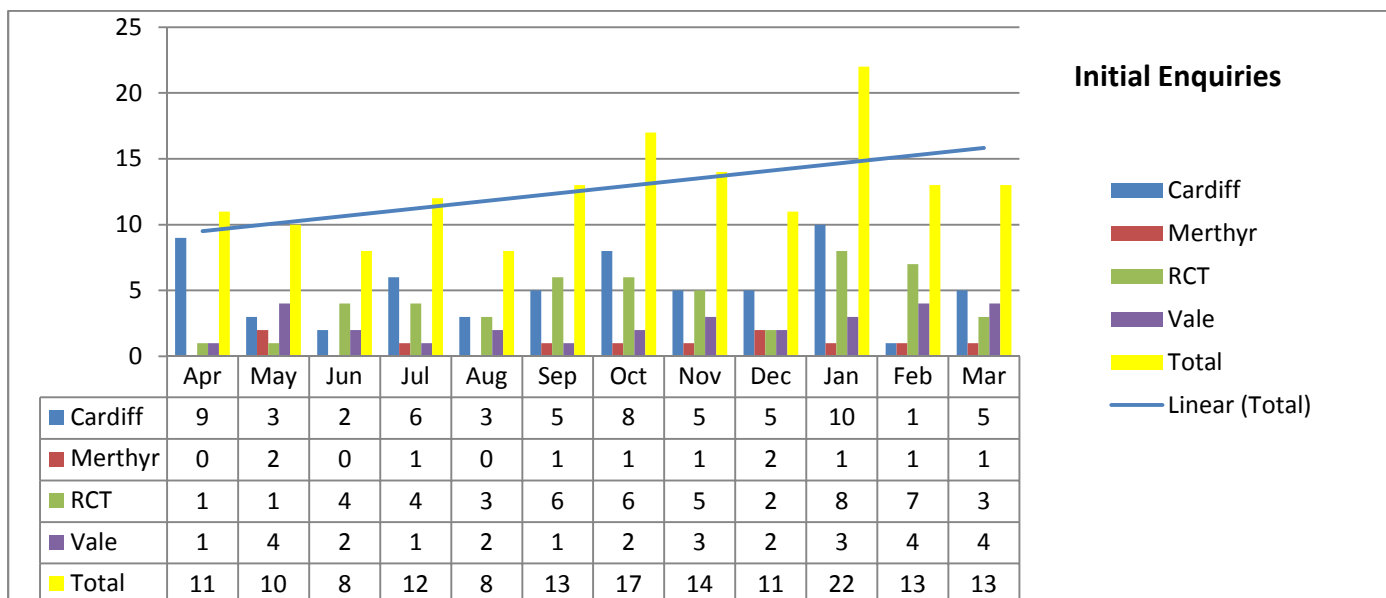
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This chart is representative of VVC's figures broken down by local authority.

Not all the data was available for the NAS report but they calculate our overall performance is 68% which is an improvement on previous years.

ADOPTERS

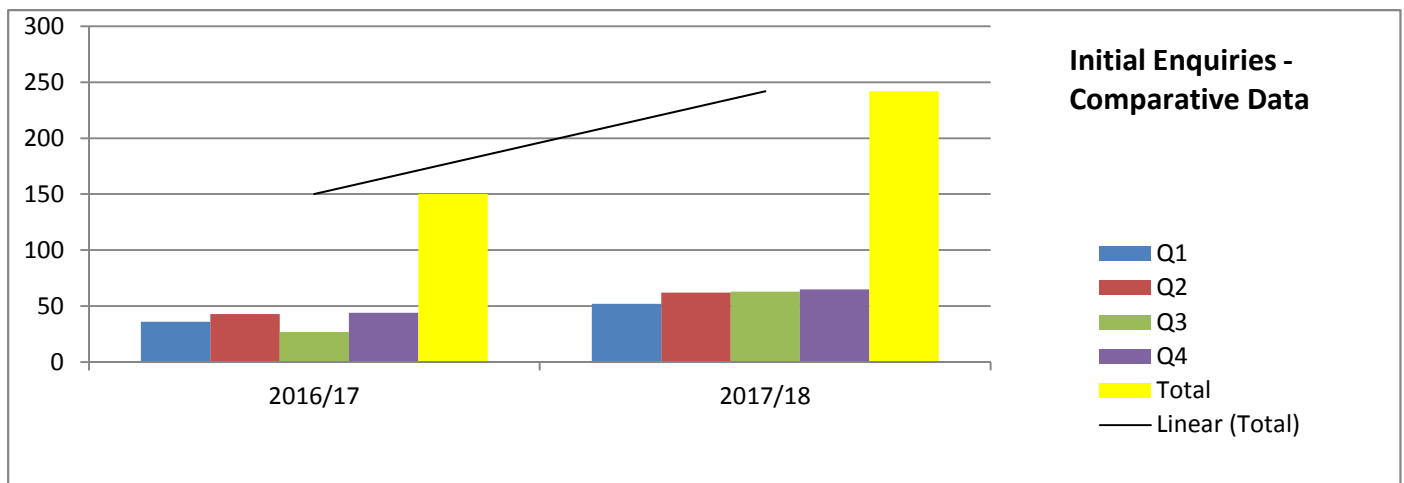
Number of Initial Enquiries regarding Adoption received since April 2017 - Total number of initial enquiries received = 242 of which 90 (37%) we are not able to allocate to a local authority as they were received by email. This is something we are continuing to address.



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| Total | 62 | 11 | 50 | 29 | 152 (actual 242) |

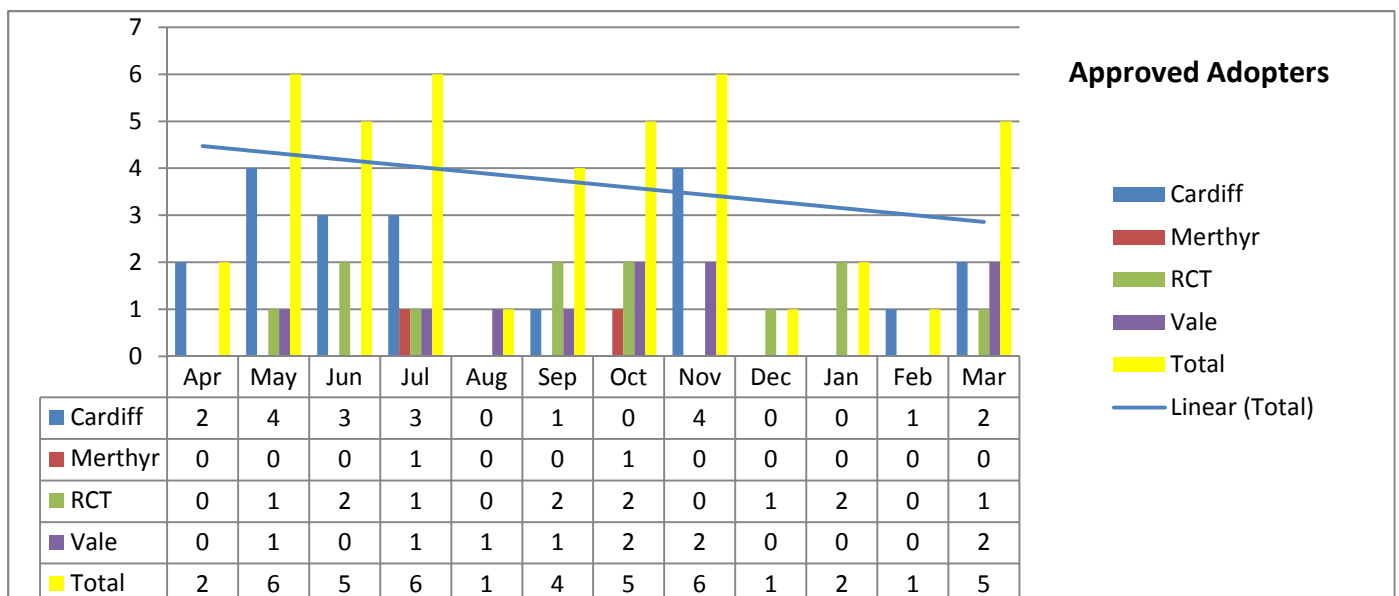
These graphs indicate the breakdown by authority. There are a large number where the geographical area is unknown.

Number of Initial Enquiries regarding Adoption received – Comparative Data



| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 2016/17 | 36 | 43 | 27 | 44 | 150 |
| 2017/18 | 52 | 62 | 63 | 65 | 242 |
| Total | 88 | 105 | 90 | 109 | 392 |

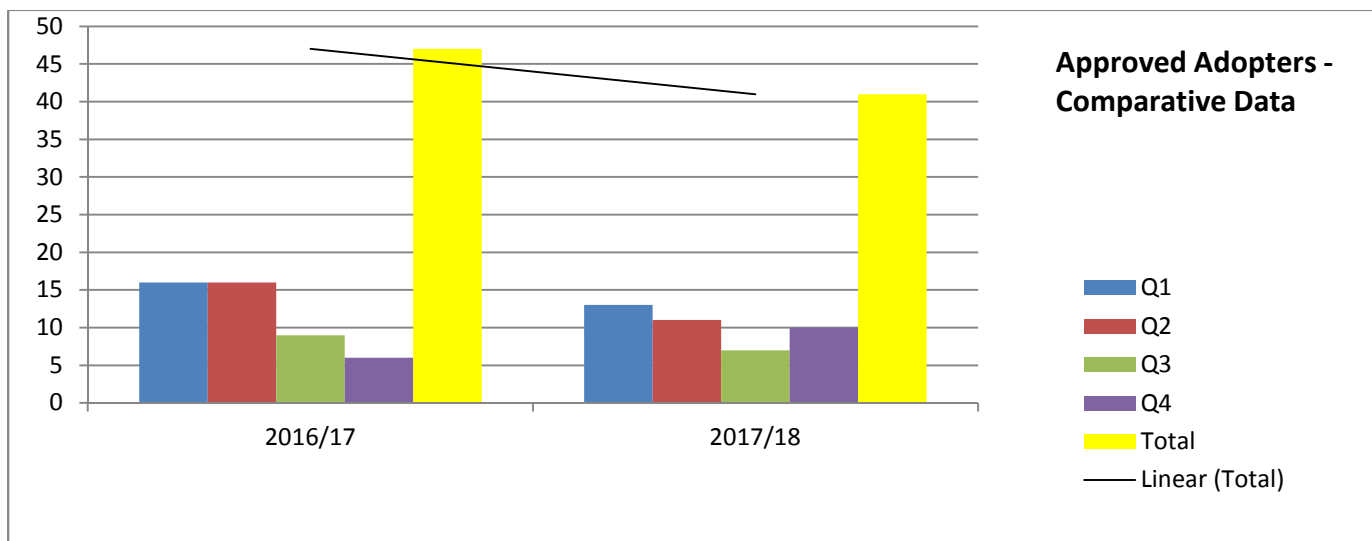
Number of Prospective Adopters receiving Agency Decision to approve as suitable to adopt since April 2017 – Note; there were 10 approvals in Q4, 2 of which were from outside VVC



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | OTHER | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total | 20 | 2 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 46 |

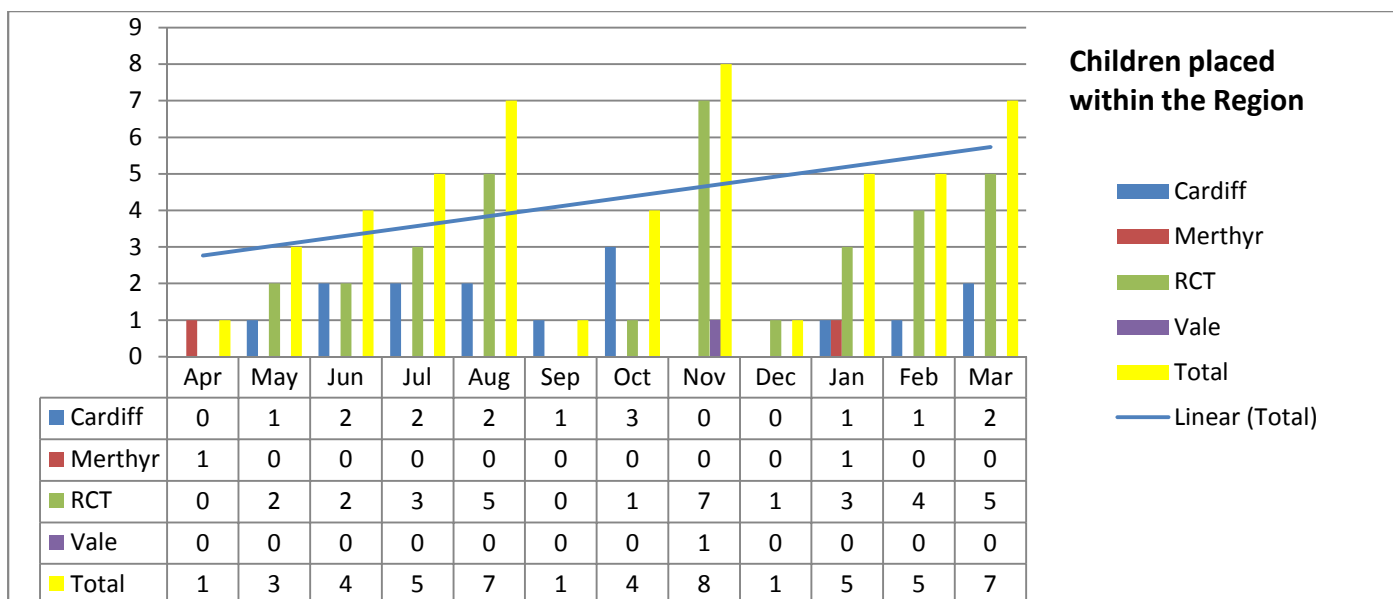
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These figures demonstrate a slight decrease on the previous year. Unfortunately five couples withdrew during assessment and one post approval which has had an impact upon the region meeting its' goal.

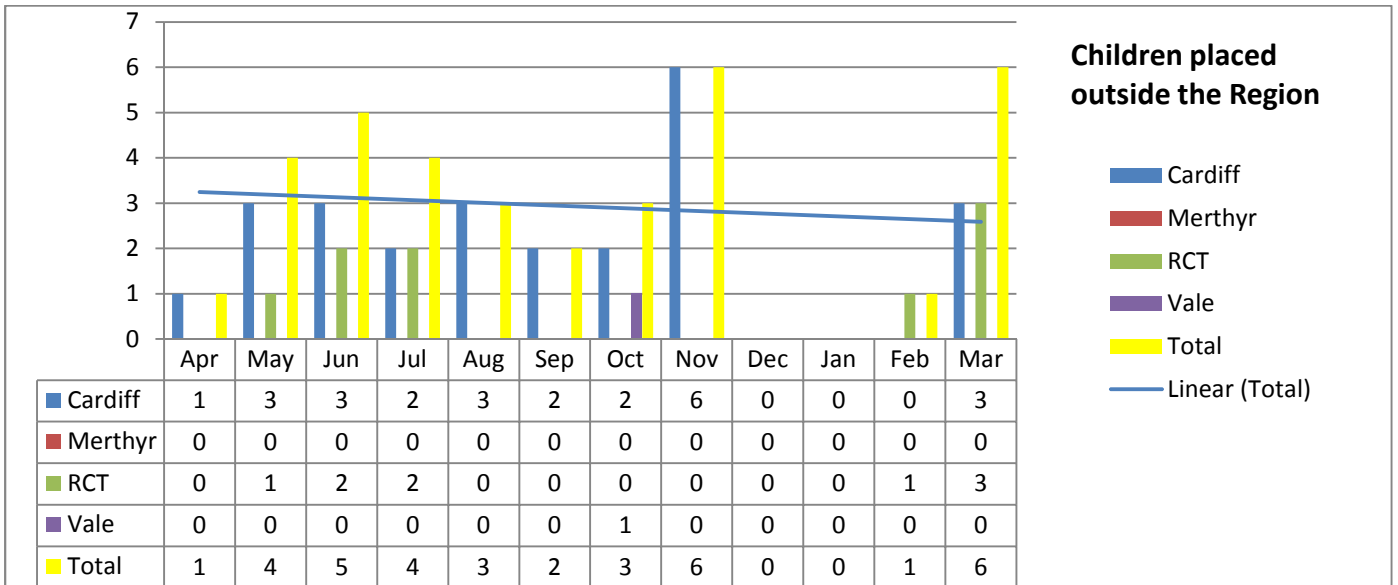


| Year | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Total |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2016/17 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 6 | 47 |
| 2017/18 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 46 |
| Total | 29 | 27 | 21 | 16 | 93 |

CHILDREN PLACED WITHIN REGION AND OUTSIDE REGION



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total | 15 | 2 | 33 | 1 | 51 |



| 2017/18 | Cardiff | Merthyr | RCT | VOG | Total |
|--------------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Total | 25 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 35 |