#### **Appendix 2 – Recruitment & Assessment**

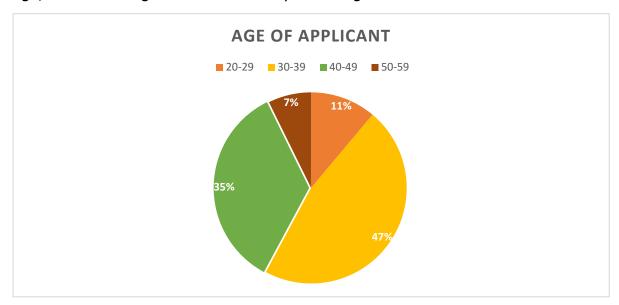
#### **Initial Enquiries**

**369** initial enquiries were received during the reporting period. 100% of enquiries received a response by phone, e-mail, or letter within 5 working days. Comparative data continues to demonstrate an upward trend in the number of initial enquiries received. **48%** (178 initial enquiries) did not progress after requesting further information.



#### Age

Of the 369 initial enquiries, **47%** of applicants were aged between 30-39 years of age, **35%** were aged between 40-49 years of age.



#### **Ethnicity**

**94%** of all applicants identify as WHTE. **6%** of applicants identify as BBAC, ASAB or MIXD.

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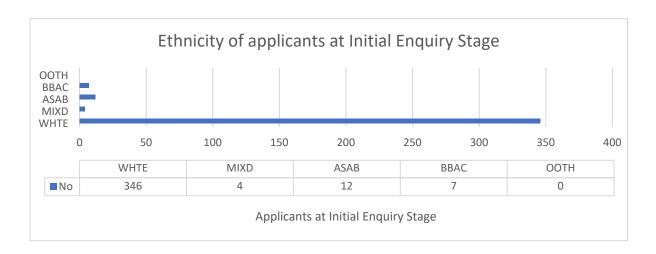
WHTE - White

MIXD - Mixed ethnic groups

ASAB - Asian or Asian British

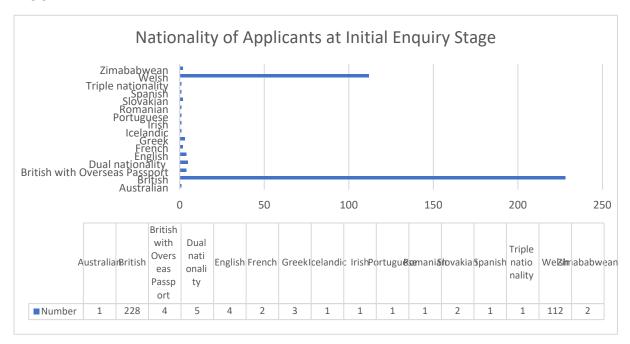
BBAC - Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

OOTH - Other ethnic group



#### **Nationality**

**62%** of applicants disclose they are British. **30%** of applicants disclose they are Welsh.



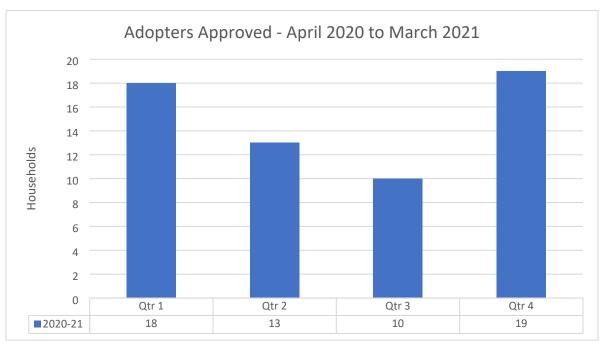
#### **Initial Visits**

**93** initial visits took place during the reporting period. When compared to previous years, the number of initial visits is consistent with previous years.



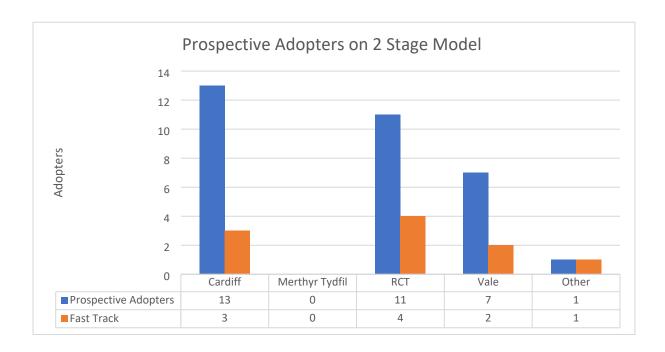
#### **Adopter Approvals**

**59** adoptive households have been approved to adopt during the reporting period. **60** adoptive households were presented at panel, 1 of which was awaiting ratification at the end of Quarter 4.



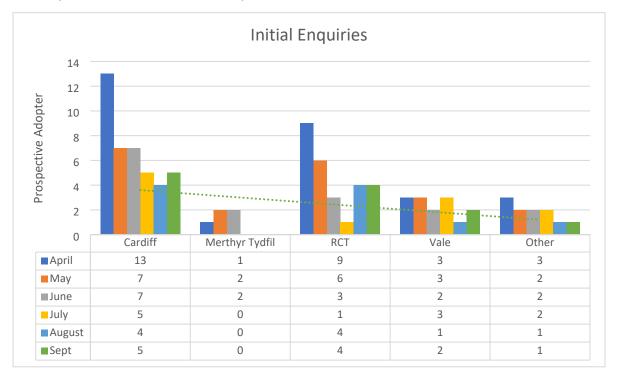
## 2 Stage Model

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the 2-Stage model for Recruitment & Assessment of Adopters came into effect. **32** prospective adopters have started Stage 1 of the process. **31%** of prospective adopters are fast tracking as 2<sup>nd</sup> time adopters.

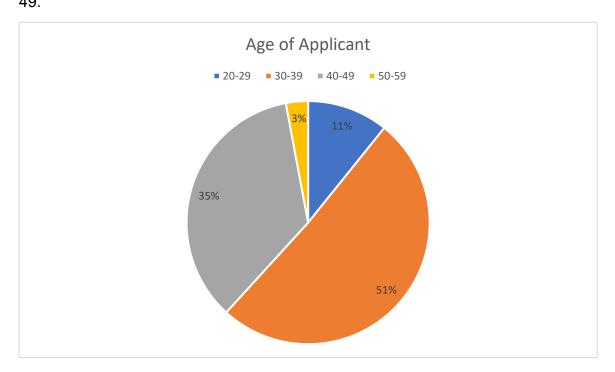


# Recruitment & Assessment – April to September 2023 Initial Enquiries

98 enquiries over the six-month period.



# Age Of the 98 enquiries, 51% are aged between 30-39 and 35% are aged between 40-



#### **Ethnicity**

**84%** of all applicants identify as WHTE. **6%** of applicants identify as BBAC, ASAB or MIXD.

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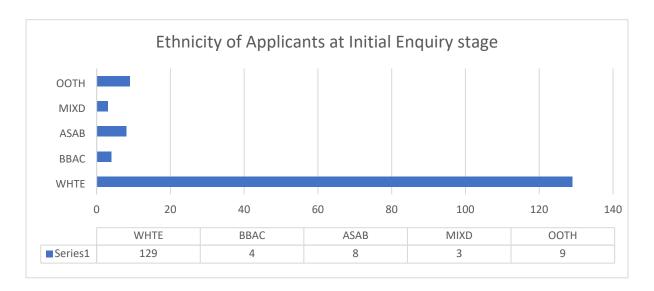
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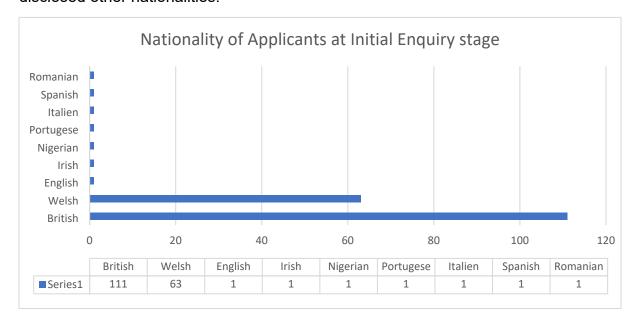
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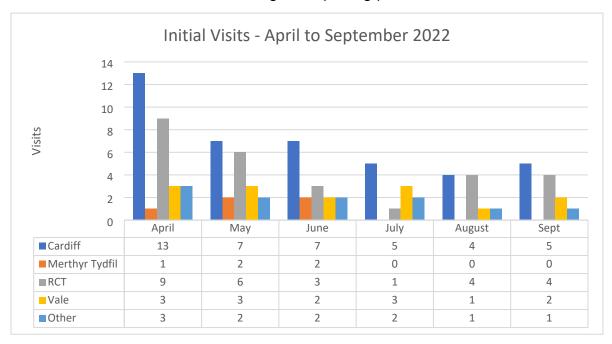
#### **Nationality**

**61%** of applicants disclose they are British, **35%** disclosed they are Welsh and **4%** disclosed other nationalities.



#### **Initial Visits**

**26** initial visits were carried out during the reporting period.



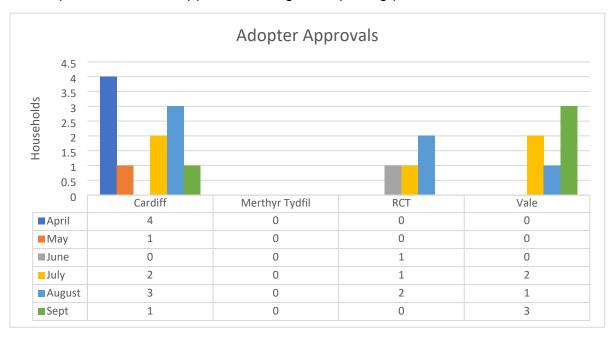
#### 2 stage model

- 21 Registrations of Interest were received during the reporting period.
- **9** prospective adopters completed Stage 1 of the process and progressed to Stage 2.
- **3** prospective adopters fast-tracked their application, and **5** prospective adopters completed the fast-track process.



# **Adopter Approvals**

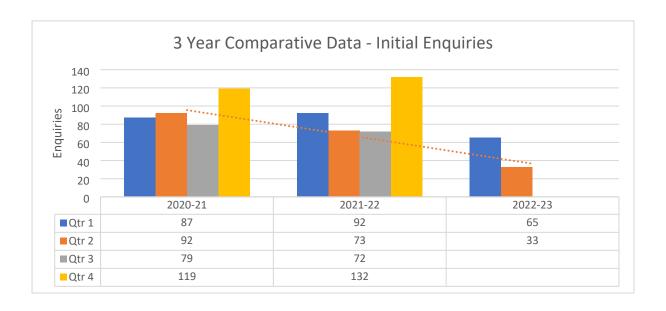
**30** adopters have been approved during the reporting period.



#### **Comparative Data April 2020 to September 2023**

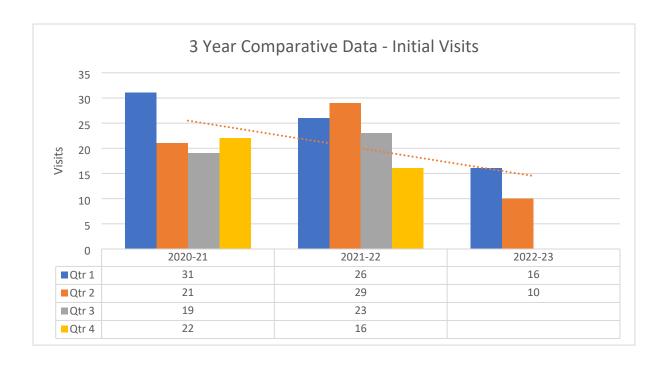
#### **Initial Enquiries**

A national trend has been observed over the past year in the number of enquiries for adoption. VVC however, are only just starting to see a reduction in the number of enquiries received.



#### **Initial Visits**

Comparison of data held over the three years at the mid-year point indicate a year-on-year decrease (**50%**) in the number of initial visits being carried out. This is, however, consistent with the number of enquiries being received.



## **Approved Adopters**

Adopter approvals for the first half of year remain stable when compared to 2021-22, with an increase in approval when compared to the same period in 2020-21.

