

**Management Information Report**

**01/04/17-30/04/18**

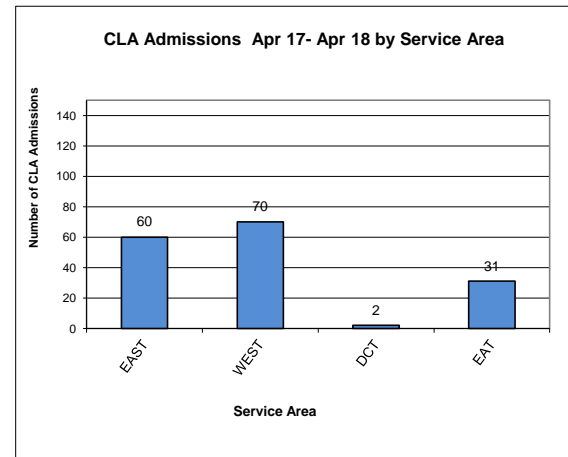
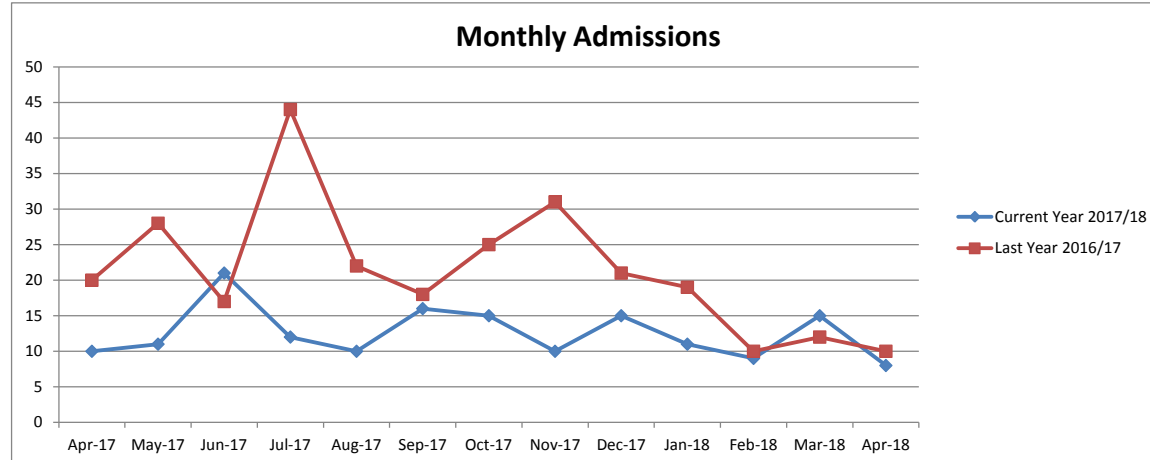
**Children Looked After  
Quality Assurance Panel**

**ADMISSION TO CARE**

**Monthly CLA by Service Areas Apr 17- Apr 18**

Monthly CLA Admissions	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
Current Year 2017/18	10	11	21	12	10	16	15	10	15	11	9	15	8	163
Last Year 2016/17	20	28	17	44	22	18	25	31	21	19	10	12	10	277

CLA Admissions Apr 17 - Apr 18	Total	% of Admissions
EAST	60	37%
WEST	70	43%
DCT	2	1%
EAT	31	19%
Total	163	100%



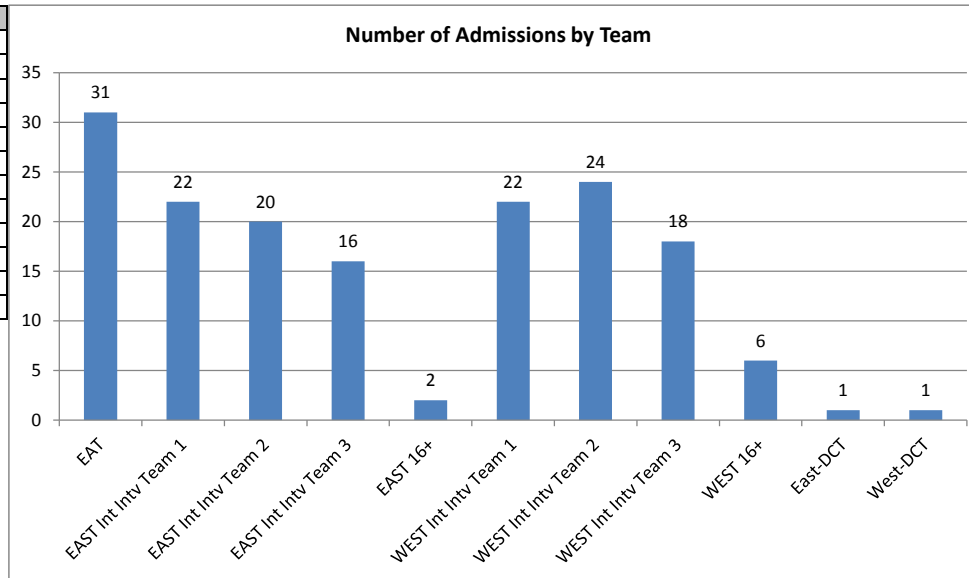
The number of CLA admissions during the period Apr 17 to Mar 18 has decreased when compared to the same period of 2016/17, from 267 in 16/17 to 155 in 17/18, a 42% decrease in admissions.

During the current year, numbers of admissions have fluctuated with our lowest figure being 8 in April 18 and the highest of 21 in June. In comparison to the previous year, most months ranged from at least 20 admissions with the highest of 44 being recorded for July 16.

The West service area had more admissions between Apr17-Apr18 with 43% of overall admissions .

**Children Becoming Looked After Apr 17-Apr 18 17 by Team**

Team	Number of Admissions	% of Admissions
EAT	31	19%
EAST Int Intv Team 1	22	13%
EAST Int Intv Team 2	20	12%
EAST Int Intv Team 3	16	10%
EAST 16+	2	1%
WEST Int Intv Team 1	22	13%
WEST Int Intv Team 2	24	15%
WEST Int Intv Team 3	18	11%
WEST 16+	6	4%
East-DCT	1	1%
West-DCT	1	1%
Total	163	100%



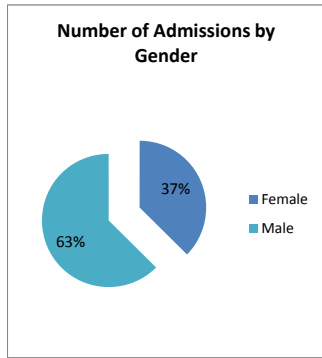
The highest number of admissions were taken by West 2 with 24 children taken into care (15%). East 1 & West 1 had 22 admissions each in the period with other Intensive Intervention teams having between 16 to 20.

The 16+ teams had 8 admissions and DCT teams had 2 over the period.

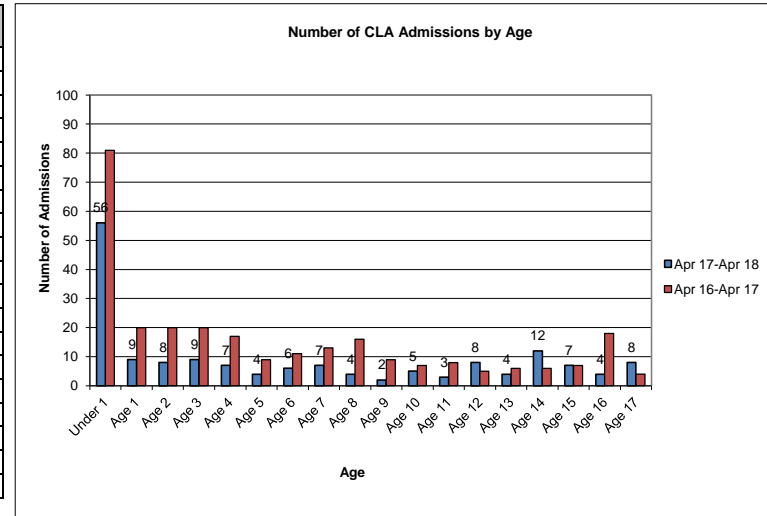
Enquiry and Assessment have had 31 children admitted into care over the last year (19%). 6 of these children were subject to PPO's.

**Children Becoming Looked After Apr 17 - Apr 18 by Age & Gender**

Gender	Number of Admissions
Female	61
Male	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>



Age at Point of BLA	Apr 17-Apr 18	% of Admissions	Apr 16-Apr 17	% of Admissions
Under 1	56	34%	81	29%
Age 1	9	6%	20	7%
Age 2	8	5%	20	7%
Age 3	9	6%	20	7%
Age 4	7	4%	17	6%
Age 5	4	2%	9	3%
Age 6	6	4%	11	4%
Age 7	7	4%	13	5%
Age 8	4	2%	16	6%
Age 9	2	1%	9	3%
Age 10	5	3%	7	3%
Age 11	3	2%	8	3%
Age 12	8	5%	5	2%
Age 13	4	2%	6	2%
Age 14	12	7%	6	2%
Age 15	7	4%	7	3%
Age 16	4	2%	18	6%
Age 17	8	5%	4	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>100%</b>

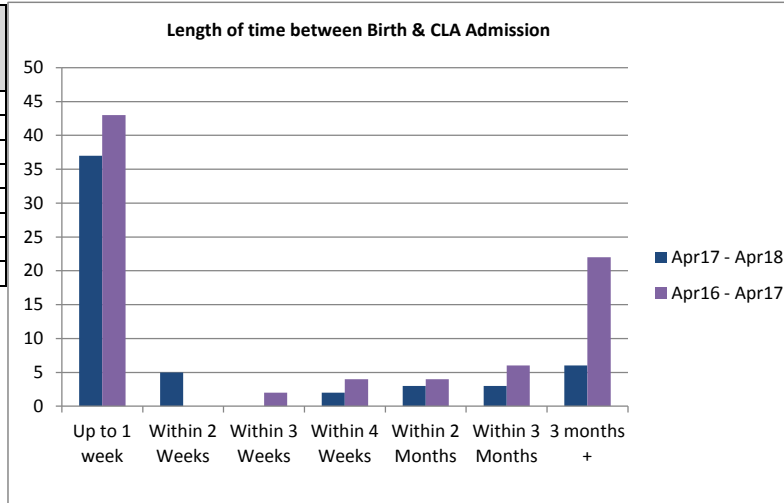


34% of admissions are children aged under 1 year old. Trends show that this age group continues to have the highest number of admissions. Compared to the previous year, the under 1 age group figure has dropped but the percentage is higher relative to the overall admission figure. The rate of decrease in overall admissions has been faster than the under 1 admissions. The number of children aged 1-4 has dropped compared to last years figures, from 77 children (28%) to 33 children (20%).

**Length of time between Birth & CLA admission**

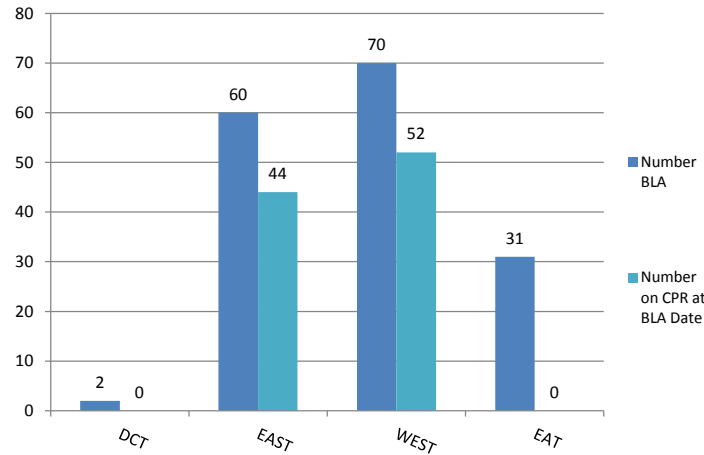
Length of Time between birth & CLA Admission for those children aged under 1 at the point of BLA	Apr17 - Apr18	Apr16 - Apr17
Up to 1 week	37	43
Within 2 Weeks	5	0
Within 3 Weeks	0	2
Within 4 Weeks	2	4
Within 2 Months	3	4
Within 3 Months	3	6
3 months +	6	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>81</b>

There has been a drop in the overall number of admissions for children aged under 1 years old. Comparisons to the same period last year show the highest number are brought into care within the first week after birth. The second highest age group are those babies aged 3 months + although there has been a noticeable drop in numbers when compared to 2016/17.



**Cases on CPR at Time of Admission**

Service Area	Number BLA	Number on CPR at BLA Date	Admissions where child was on CPR
DCT	2	0	0%
EAST	60	44	73%
WEST	70	52	74%
EAT	31	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>59%</b>



Age at Point of BLA	Number of Admissions	Number on CPR at BLA	% CPR at BLA
Under 1	56	46	82%
Age 1	9	5	56%
Age 2	8	4	50%
Age 3	9	5	56%
Age 4	7	6	86%
Age 5	4	4	100%
Age 6	6	5	83%
Age 7	7	5	71%
Age 8	4	1	25%
Age 9	2	0	0%
Age 10	5	2	40%
Age 11	3	1	33%
Age 12	8	4	50%
Age 13	4	1	25%
Age 14	12	6	50%
Age 15	7	0	0%
Age 16	4	0	0%
Age 17	8	1	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>59%</b>

Out of the 163 CLA admissions over the last year; 96 (59%) children were on the CPR at the point of coming into care.

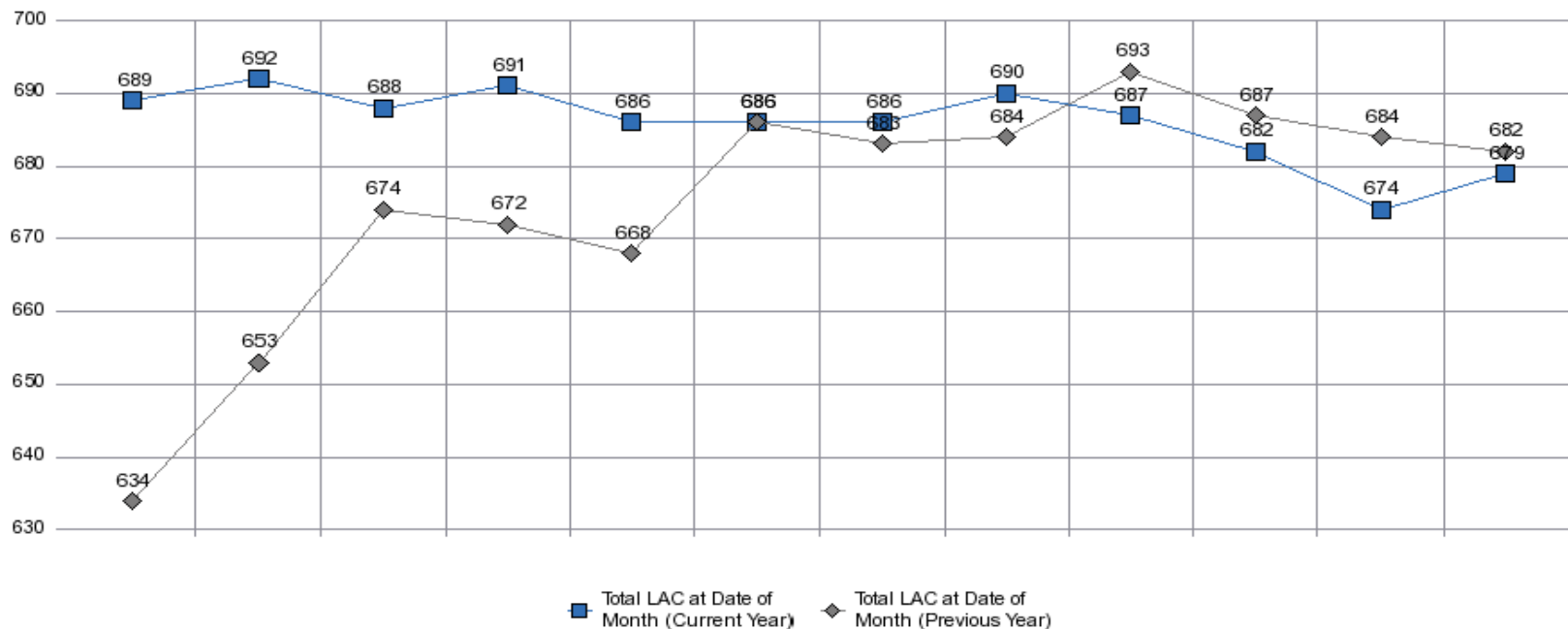
The highest number on the CPR are the under 1 age group. 46 out of the 56 children under the age of 1 were on the CPR (82%). The remaining 10 babies that were not on the CPR; 2 were relinquished babies, 6 were going through the CP Process at time of admission, 1 became known to us on the day they came into care and 1 was on the Temp CPR.

4 out of 10 Children aged 1 were not on the CPR at time of admission. They were only referred to us the date of their admissions.

1 out of the 12 children aged 16+ were on the CPR at BLA date (13%). 4 out of the 11 not registered were unaccompanied asylum seeking Children. The remaining 7 were made subject to Section 76 or placed on Remand.

**Monthly CLA numbers over the last 12 months, compared with CLA numbers at the same period last year**

LAC	10/Jun	10/Jul	10/Aug	10/Sep	10/Oct	10/Nov	10/Dec	10/Jan	10/Feb	10/Mar	10/Apr	10/May
Current Year:	689	692	688	691	686	686	686	690	687	682	674	679
Last Year:	634	653	674	672	668	686	683	684	693	687	684	682
Var:	55	39	14	19	18	0	3	6	-6	-5	-10	-3



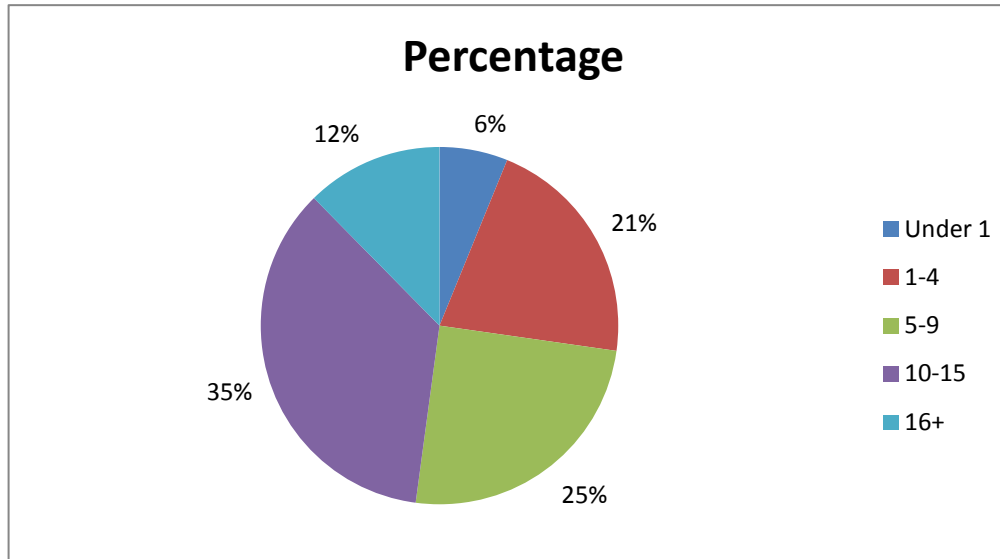
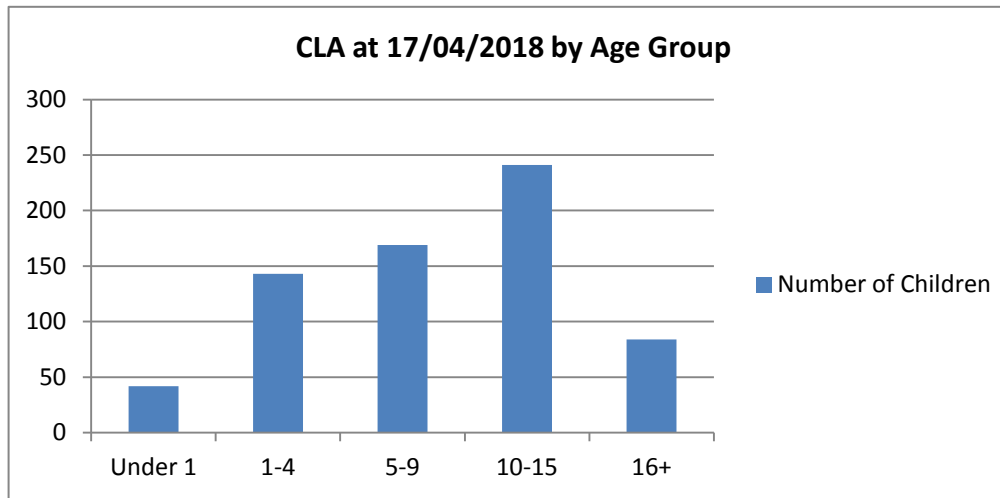
The CLA number has dropped since March 2018 highlighting that we are below the CLA figure reported at the same point last year.

After the increase in numbers from 625 in April 2016 to our highest reported 698 in June 2017 the numbers have been fluctuating between 680 and 693 throughout 2017/18. The past two months has seen us drop below 680 and remain there.

### CLA Total Population by Age Group

	Number of Children	Percentage
Under 1	42	6%
1-4	143	21%
5-9	169	25%
10-15	241	35%
16+	84	12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	

Based on current CLA numbers the highest age group is 10-15 with 241 children in care followed by the 0-4 age group where 185 children are currently accommodated.



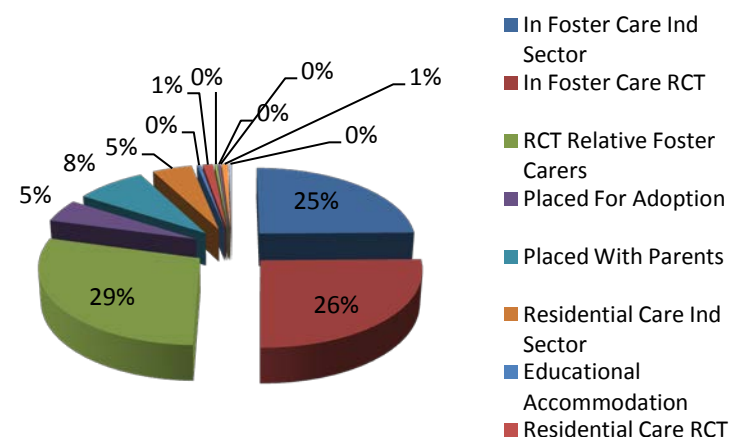


## PLACEMENT ACTIVITY

### CLA @ 10/05/2018 by Placement Type

Placement Type	10/05/18		10/05/17	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	168	25%	182	27%
In Foster Care RCT	173	25%	187	27%
RCT Relative Foster Carers	196	29%	176	26%
Placed For Adoption	33	5%	23	3%
Placed With Parents	55	8%	57	8%
Residential Care Ind Sector	31	5%	31	5%
Educational Accommodation	3	0.4%	1	0.1%
Residential Care RCT	8	1%	8	1%
Independent Living	2	0.3%	4	0.6%
Supported Lodgings	2	0.3%	8	1%
Bed & Breakfast	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Mother & Baby	5	0.7%	3	0.4%
Secure	2	0.3%	2	0.3%
Medical	1	0.2%	0	
Total	679		682	

### LAC as at 10/05/2018 by Placement Type



### Team Summary

Team Responsible	10/05/18	10/05/17
Intensive Intervention East 1	90	83
Intensive Intervention East 2	116	118
Intensive Intervention East 3	49	62
Intensive Intervention West 1	95	87
Intensive Intervention West 2	95	99
Intensive Intervention West 3	110	110
16+ East Team	33	34
16+ West Team	40	37
East-Disabled Children	19	20
West-Disabled Children	31	30
Enquiry & Assessment Team	1	2

Based on current CLA numbers, we have the most children placed with Relative Carers (29%). This figure includes approved and non approved kinship carers. The number has increased when compared to the same time last year where we had 175 (26%).

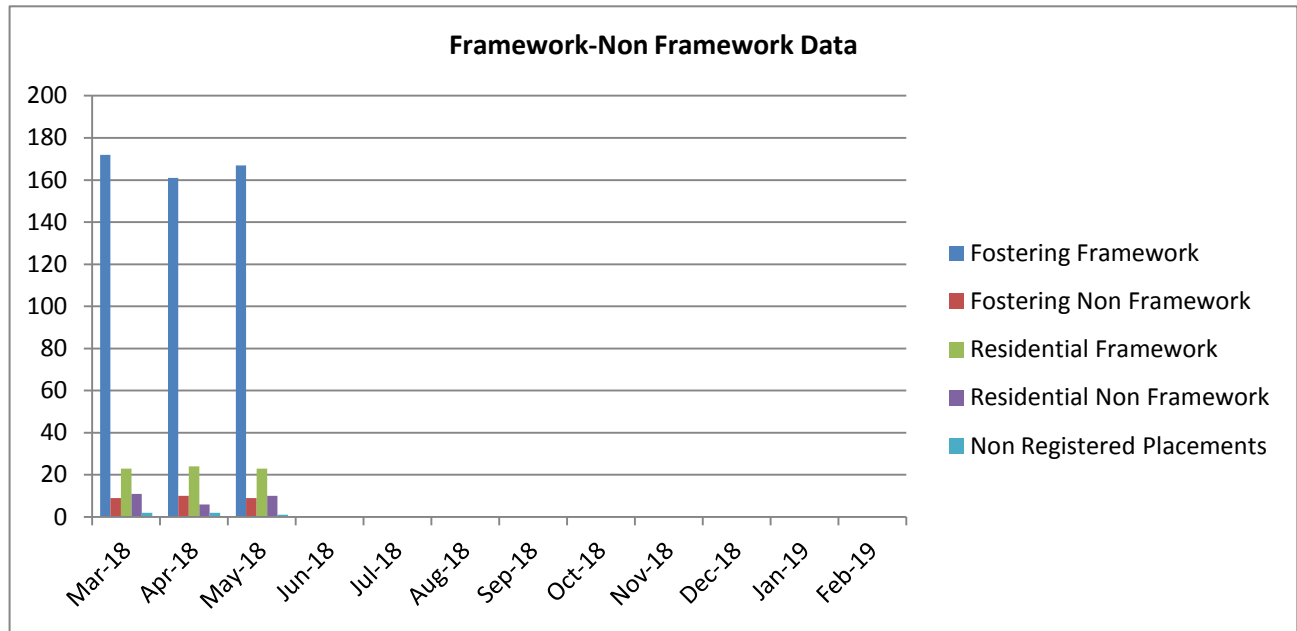
In House Foster Care numbers are higher than Independent Sector Foster Care but figures have dropped in both categories when compared to last years figures. Mother and Baby placements have increased along with the number of children in Adoption placements.

**Framework-Non Framework Data**

	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
<b>Fostering Framework</b>	172	161	167									
<b>Fostering Non Framework</b>	9	10	9									
<b>Residential Framework</b>	23	24	23									
<b>Residential Non Framework</b>	11	6	10									
<b>Non Registered Placements</b>	2	2	1									

**Summary 10/05/2018**

<b>Total Framework</b>	188
<b>Total Non Framework</b>	22
<b>Total Not Registered</b>	1
	211



The residential non framework placements include 4 education placements and 1 Local Authority placement

### Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
Type of Placement	Weekly Budget (18/19)	Weekly Commitment (April 18)	Variance	Full Year Variance	No's @ Mar 18	No's @ April 18	Variance Increase / (Decrease)	RAG	Average Weekly Cost	Comment
Residential Care RCT	£22,115	£22,115	£0	£0	9	8	(1)	▼	£2,764	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
In Foster Care RCT	£74,630	£67,207	(£7,423)	(£387,038)	186   197	180   195	(6)   (2)	▼	£373	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
RCT Relative Foster Carers	£36,828	£32,714	(£4,114)	(£214,526)	177	188	11	▲	£174	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Residential Care Ind Sector	£110,885	£129,177	£18,292	£953,797	37	40	3	▲	£3,229	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	£144,588	£127,141	(£17,447)	(£909,736)	180	177	(3)	▼	£718	
Special Guardianship Orders	£30,554	£28,228	(£2,326)	(£121,268)	271	272	1	▲	£104	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Child Arrangement Orders	£919	£257	(£662)	(£34,510)	8	6	(2)	▼		
Supported Lodgings	£977	£1,780	£803	£41,871	9	11	2	▲	£162	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
When I'm Ready	£6,344	£4,742	(£1,602)	(£83,539)	17	18	1	▲		
Adoption Allowances	£4,568	£3,843	(£725)	(£37,788)	25	22	(3)	▼	£175	36 Children & Excl mgt & overhead costs
	<b>£432,408</b>	<b>£417,205</b>	<b>(£15,203)</b>	<b>(£792,737)</b>	894	898	4	▲		

### Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Period Variance)

Type of Placement	Weekly Commitment (At 31/03/18)	Weekly Commitment (At 30/04/18)	Variance	Full Year Variance	No's @ Mar 18 (31/03/18)	No's @ April 18 (30/04/18)	Variance Increase / (Decrease)	RAG	Average Weekly Cost	Comment
Residential Care RCT	£28,312	£22,115	(£6,197)	(£323,129)	9	8	(1)	▼	£2,764	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
In Foster Care RCT	£66,965	£67,207	£242	£12,620	186   197	180   195	(6)   (2)	▼	£373	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
RCT Relative Foster Carers	£30,023	£32,714	£2,691	£140,324	177	188	11	▲	£174	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Residential Care Ind Sector	£116,779	£129,177	£12,398	£646,467	37	40	3	▲	£3,229	
In Foster Care Ind Sector	£129,500	£127,141	(£2,359)	(£123,005)	180	177	(3)	▼	£718	
Special Guardianship Orders	£28,229	£28,228	(£1)	(£42)	271	272	1	▲	£104	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Child Arrangement Orders	£437	£257	(£179)	(£9,351)	8	6	(2)	▼	£43	
Supported Lodgings	£1,500	£1,780	£280	£14,600	9	11	2	▲	£162	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
When I'm Ready	£4,543	£4,742	£199	£10,376	17	18	1	▲	£263	Excludes mgt & overhead costs
Adoption Allowances	£4,203	£3,843	(£360)	(£18,758)	25	22	(3)	▼	£175	33 Children & Excl mgt & overhead costs
	<b>£410,491</b>	<b>£417,205</b>	<b>£6,714</b>	<b>£350,102</b>	894	898	4	▲		

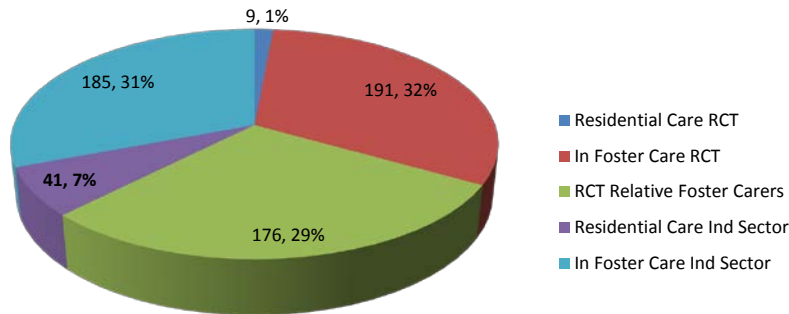
In the last month, costs has increased by £12,911 per week (once adjusted to take account of Treherbert closing).

The two tables above give a breakdown of the CLA placement expenditure and numbers broken down into type of placement. The top table shows the 18/19 weekly budget (column marked 1) for each of the placement types and the actual weekly commitment in April 18 (column marked 2). The April 18 weekly amount is only a snapshot so you can gauge where you currently are at that point in time. From this you can compare how much is being spent compared to the budget available (column marked 3). It also shows what that weekly amount would be if it stayed static for a full year and how that would vary from the budget (column marked 4). In the example above, there would be a full year underspend of £793K. This is only a snapshot though as numbers vary greatly throughout the year and do not include any growth. The table also gives you the number of placements relating to that expenditure. At March 18 we were making a financial commitment to 894 placements (column marked 5), at April 18 this had increased to 898 placements (column marked 6), an increase of 4 placements (£6,714) per week. The bottom table follows the same principle as the top table but instead of comparing the current weekly cost / numbers to the weekly budget / numbers at April 18, it compares it to the last time this information was produced (March 18). This enables senior management to see how the numbers / costs have changed over the past month and flags up any budgetary concerns.

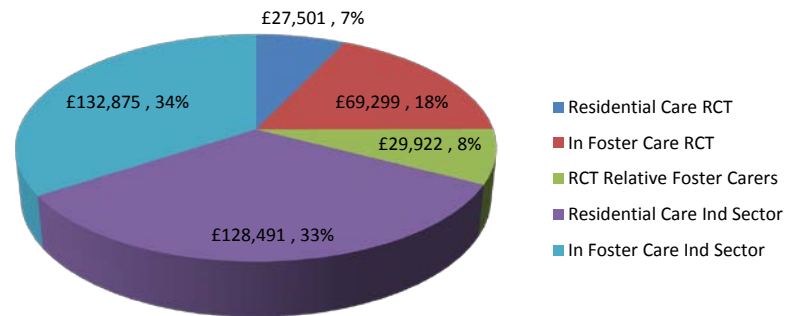
**Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)**

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Avg
<b>Residential Care RCT</b>	8		8	10		10	9	8		8	9	9	9	8	<b>9</b>
<b>In Foster Care RCT</b>	204		196	192		187	191	190		191	199	189	186	180	<b>191</b>
<b>RCT Relative Foster Carers</b>	167		168	178		183	177	176		173	172	174	177	188	<b>176</b>
<b>Residential Care Ind Sector</b>	39		40	43		47	44	45		40	39	36	37	40	<b>41</b>
<b>In Foster Care Ind Sector</b>	189		191	185		183	189	187		183	185	191	180	177	<b>185</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>607</b>		<b>603</b>	<b>608</b>		<b>610</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>606</b>		<b>595</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>602</b>
<b>Residential Care RCT (cost pw)</b>	£ 28,642		£ 31,836	£ 27,130		£ 27,130	£ 27,130	£ 27,112		£ 27,112	£ 27,997	£ 27,997	£ 28,312	£ 22,115	<b>£ 27,501</b>
<b>In Foster Care RCT (cost pw)</b>	£ 71,770		£ 70,264	£ 69,900		£ 68,440	£ 69,500	£ 69,089		£ 69,108	£ 71,675	£ 68,371	£ 66,965	£ 67,207	<b>£ 69,299</b>
<b>RCT Relative Foster Carers (cost pw)</b>	£ 27,781		£ 28,574	£ 30,359		£ 31,261	£ 30,164	£ 30,021		£ 29,403	£ 29,256	£ 29,591	£ 30,023	£ 32,714	<b>£ 29,922</b>
<b>Residential Care Ind Sector (cost pw)</b>	£ 116,520		£ 118,101	£ 126,720		£ 152,793	£ 139,811	£ 142,173		£ 132,056	£ 127,125	£ 112,146	£ 116,779	£ 129,177	<b>£ 128,491</b>
<b>In Foster Care Ind Sector (cost pw)</b>	£ 135,647		£ 135,958	£ 131,938		£ 130,153	£ 135,408	£ 134,117		£ 131,397	£ 132,767	£ 137,603	£ 129,500	£ 127,141	<b>£ 132,875</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 380,360</b>		<b>£ 384,733</b>	<b>£ 386,046</b>		<b>£ 409,777</b>	<b>£ 402,013</b>	<b>£ 402,512</b>		<b>£ 389,077</b>	<b>£ 388,821</b>	<b>£ 375,708</b>	<b>£ 371,579</b>	<b>£ 378,354</b>	<b>£ 388,089</b>

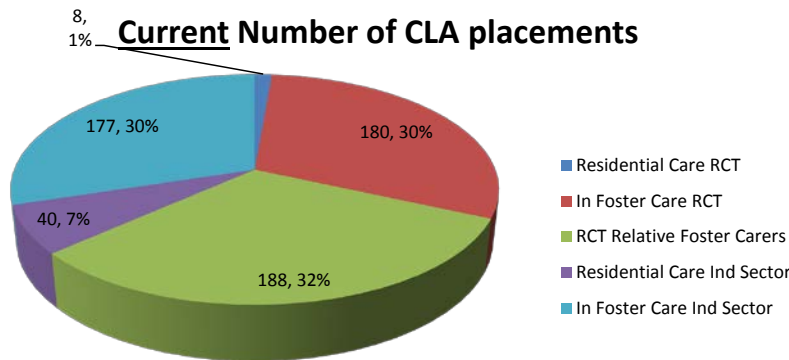
**Average Number of CLA placements**



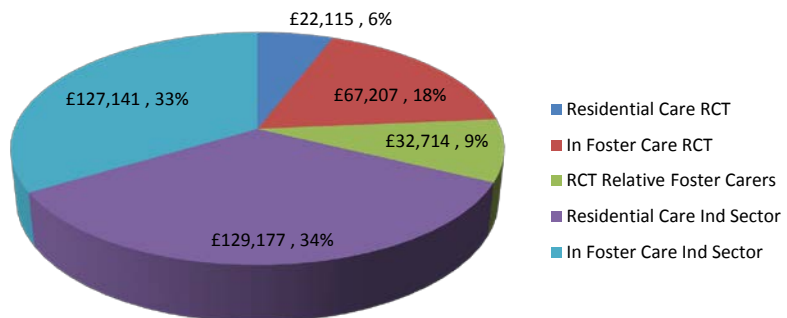
**Average Cost of CLA placements**



**Current Number of CLA placements**



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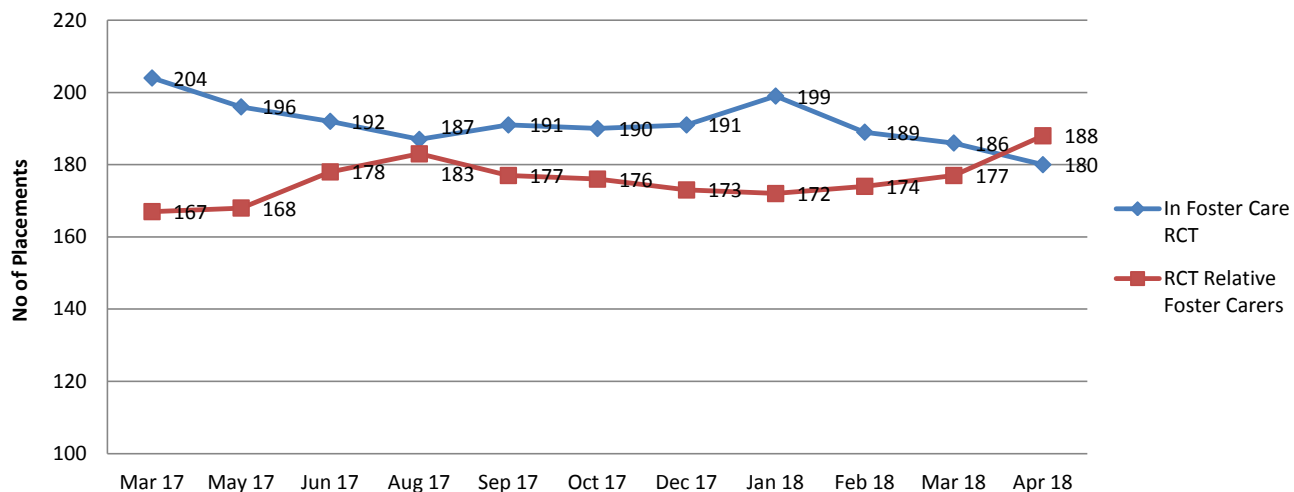


The four charts above show the average number and cost, current numbers and cost of the different types of CLA placements and their respective proportion of the overall CLA population and expenditure. From the charts you can see that there is a huge variation between the splits on the left (numbers) and the splits on the right (expenditure). For example our Independent Residential Care placements (purple segments) account for on average 7% of the numbers but represent 33% of the overall expenditure. In comparison our Relative Foster Carers (green segments) account for on average 29% of the numbers (currently 32%) but only 8% (currently 9%) of the overall expenditure.

### Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

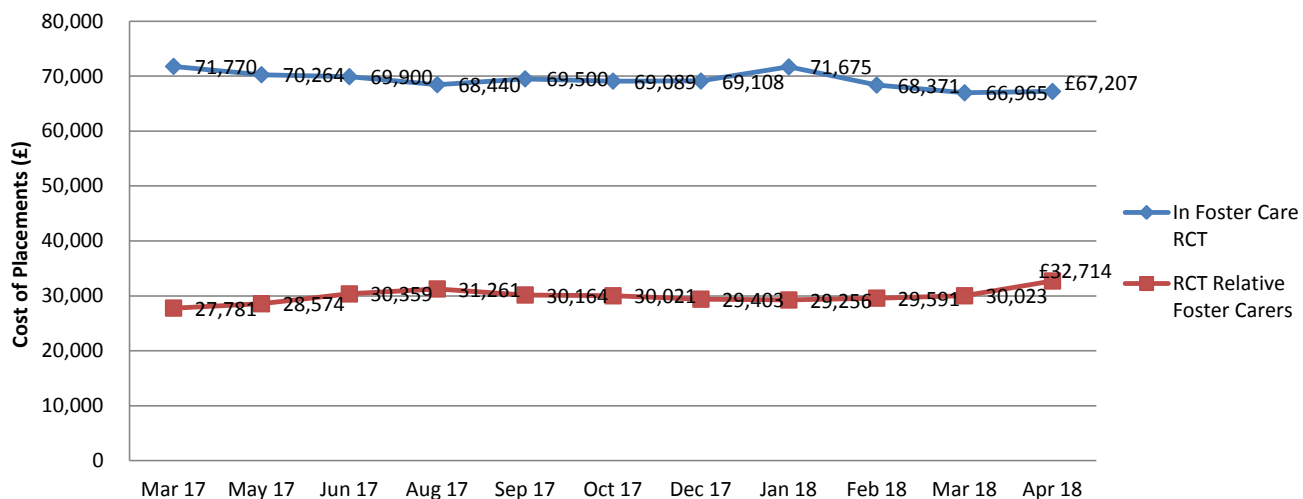
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#### In-House Fostering (Numbers)



The number of placements provided by RCT Foster Carers has fallen slightly in 18/19 but has tended to fluctuate between 180 and 200 on average. Relative Foster Carers have increased over previous years from 135 in April 2016 to 188 currently.

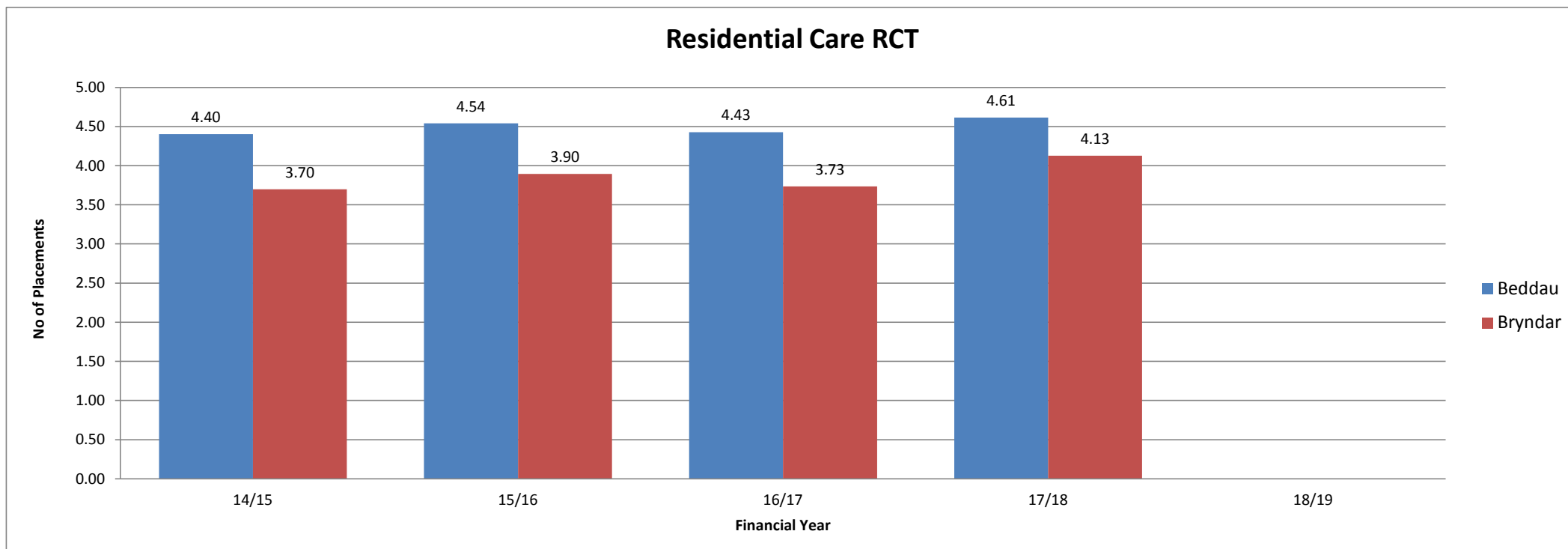
#### In-House Fostering (Costs)



As numbers are quite consistent, costs do not tend to increase or decrease dramatically. Our Relative carer numbers are higher than Mainstream foster carers but the overall cost as a group of carers is roughly 51% lower than the group of Mainstream carers. This is due to Relative carers receiving an allowance and Mainstream carers receiving an allowance and a Fee.

## In-house Residential Occupancy and Voids

In-house Residential Occupancy and Voids																				
	2014/2015				2015/2016				2016/2017				2017/2018				2018/2019			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>Beddau</b>	3.98	4.28	5.00	4.36	4.79	5.00	4.57	3.80	4.03	4.32	4.54	4.82	5.00	5.00	4.46	4.00				
	80%	86%	100%	87%	96%	100%	91%	76%	81%	86%	91%	96%	100%	100%	89%	80%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Bryndar</b>	4.77	2.93	4.28	2.80	2.46	3.24	4.88	5.00	4.67	3.66	2.97	3.63	3.43	4.64	3.49	4.96				
	95%	59%	86%	56%	49%	65%	98%	100%	93%	73%	59%	73%	69%	93%	70%	99%	0%	0%	0%	0%



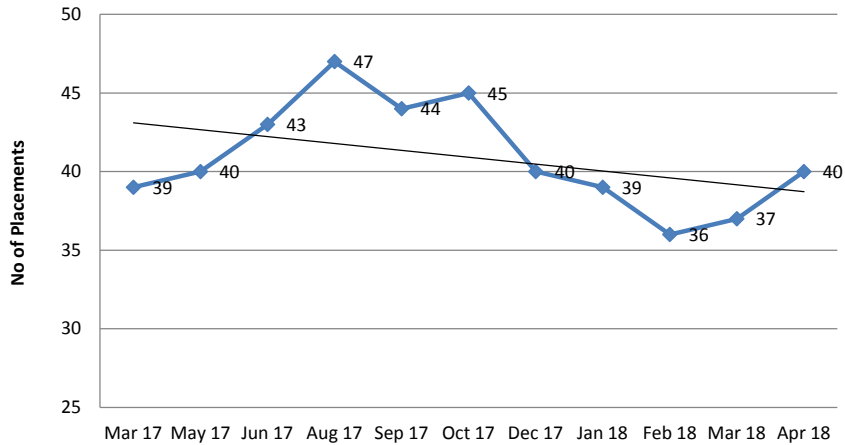
**There are currently 5 Young People in Bryndar and 3 Young People in Beddau (2 vacancies).**

Overall occupancy for 17/18 was 87% or on average 8.74 Young People in placement out of a possible 10 placements. This compares to 82% in 16/17, 84% in 15/16, 81% in 14/15 and 93% in 13/14.

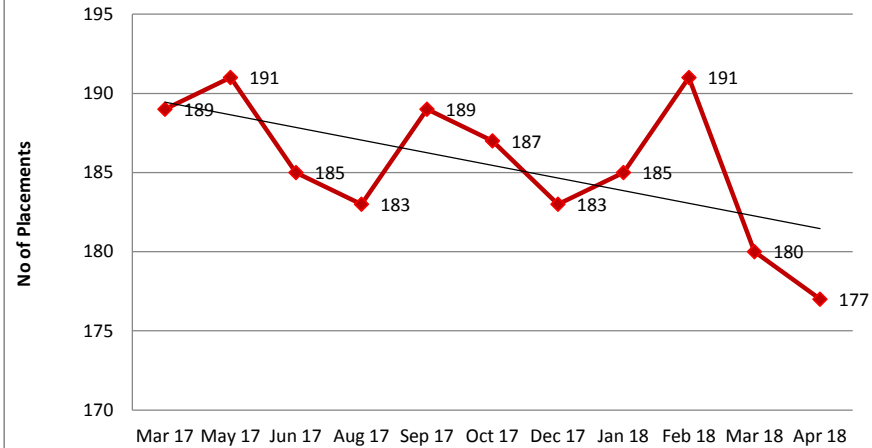
**Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)**

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Avg
<b>Residential Care Ind Sector</b>	39		40	43		47	44	45		40	39	36	37	40	<b>41</b>
<b>In Foster Care Ind Sector</b>	189		191	185		183	189	187		183	185	191	180	177	<b>185</b>
<b>Residential Care Ind Sector (cost pw)</b>	£ 116,520		£ 118,101	£ 126,720		£ 152,793	£ 139,811	£ 142,173		£ 132,056	£ 127,125	£ 112,146	£ 116,779	£ 129,177	<b>£ 128,491</b>
<b>In Foster Care Ind Sector(cost pw)</b>	£ 135,647		£ 135,958	£ 131,938		£ 130,153	£ 135,408	£ 134,117		£ 131,397	£ 132,767	£ 137,603	£ 129,500	£ 127,141	<b>£ 132,875</b>

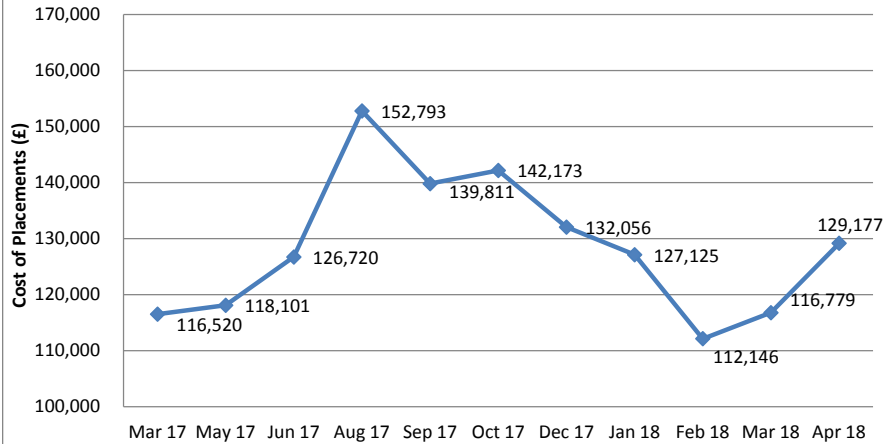
**Residential Care Ind Sector (Numbers)**



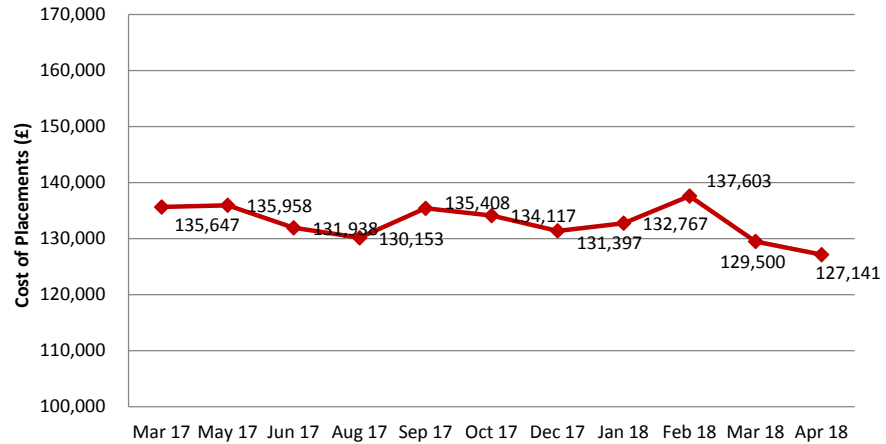
**In Foster Care Ind Sector (Numbers)**



**Residential Care Ind Sector (Cost)**



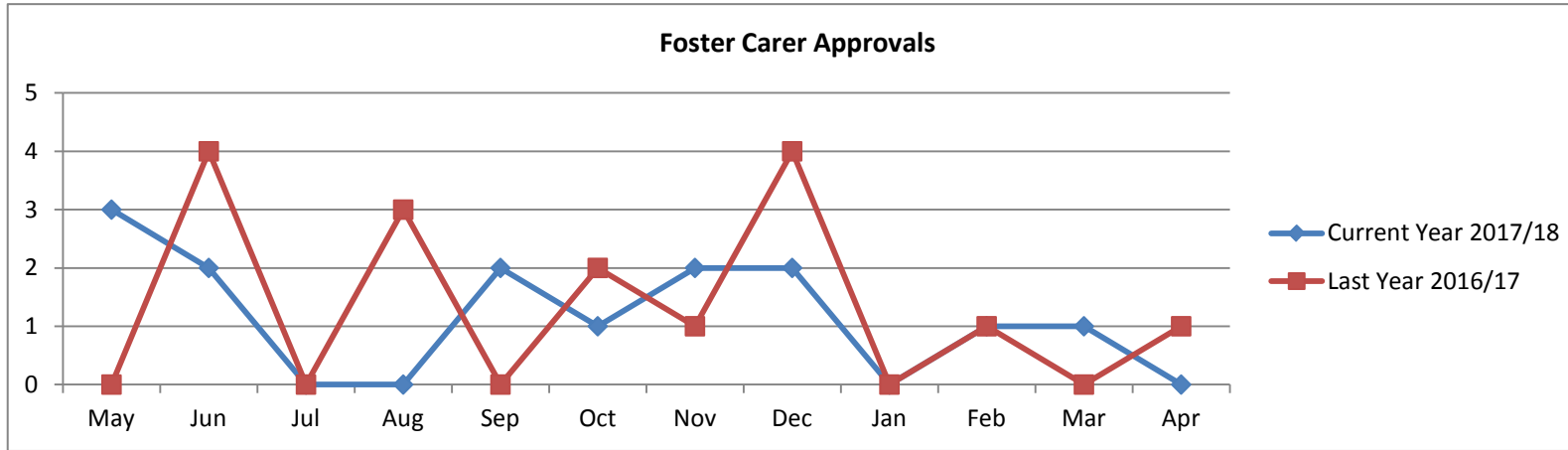
**In Foster Care Ind Sector (Costs)**



Due to the average cost of independent residential placements being over £3,000 per week, a relatively small movement in numbers can have a dramatic effect on the overall costs. In 17/18 numbers only fluctuated by 11 (High of 47, Low of 36) but this could have meant a difference of £1.35 Million in annual expenditure. In comparison independent foster care placements also fluctuated by 11 (High of 191, Low of 180) and this could have meant a difference of £0.42 Million in annual expenditure.

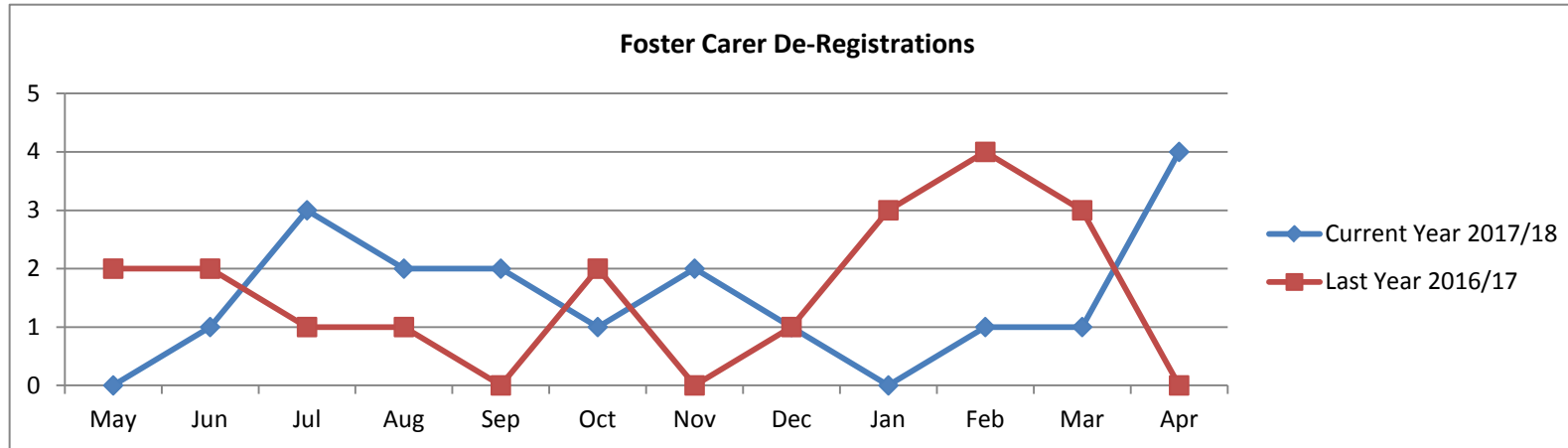
## OSP - Foster Carer Assessments

Foster Carer Approvals	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
<b>Current Year 2017/18</b>	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	14
<b>Last Year 2016/17</b>	0	4	0	3	0	2	1	4	0	1	0	1	16



Foster Carer De-Registrations	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
<b>Current Year 2017/18</b>	0	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	1	4	18
<b>Last Year 2016/17</b>	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	4	3	0	19

N.B. These figures include resignations in the period





## PLACEMENT STABILITY

### Looked After Children with 3+ Placements

Number of children who were looked after as at 31/03/2018	676
Number of looked after children who had three or more separate placements between 01/04/2017-31/03/2018	50
	7.40%



LAC with 1 Placement During the Year:	526	77.81%
LAC with 2 Placements During the Year:	100	14.79%
LAC with 3+ Placements During the Year:	50	7.40%
Total LAC as at end date (31/03/2018)	676	

This is a Welsh Government Performance Indicator that we report on quarterly and the target this year is 5.9%. Performance has dropped slightly since Quarter 3 but remains well within the 2016/17 All Wales average of 9.8%.

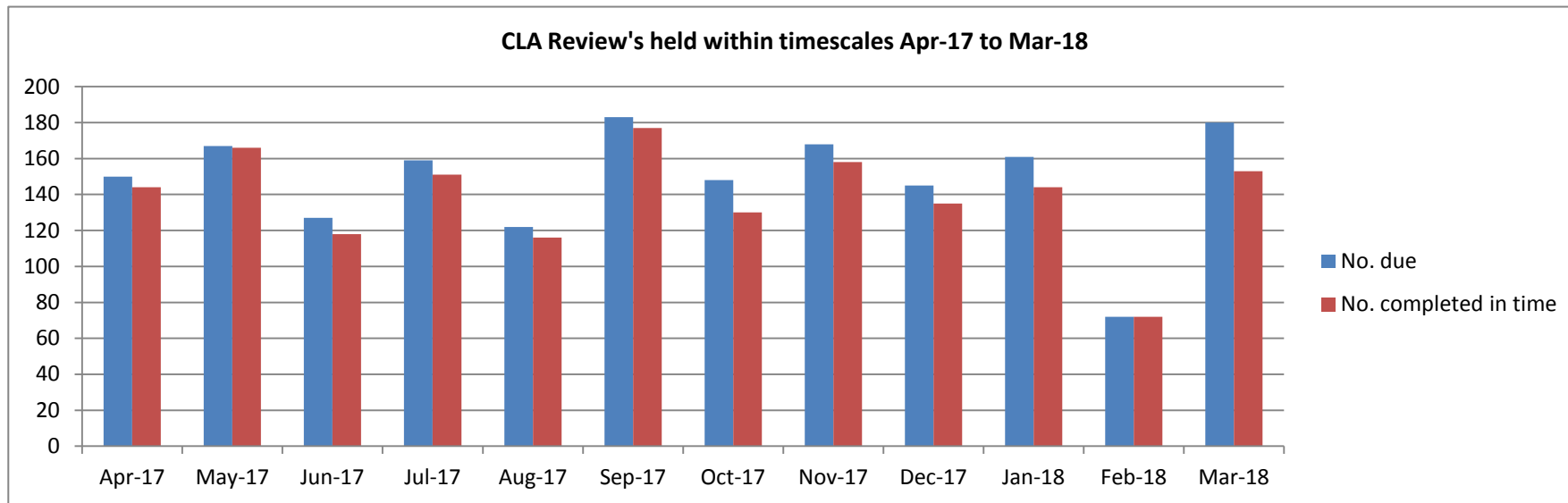
Children move placement for a variety of different reasons & some of the 3rd placements will relate to children's moves to a permanent long term placement.

Performance has also been affected by the continued high number of children looked after which has put pressure on placement availability.

**% of CLA Review's held in Timescales**

**CLA Reviews completed in time April 17 - March 18**

	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Total
<b>No. due</b>	150	167	127	159	122	183	148	168	145	161	72	180	1782
<b>No. completed in time</b>	144	166	118	151	116	177	130	158	135	144	72	153	1664
<b>% completed in time</b>	96%	99%	93%	95%	95%	97%	88%	94%	93%	89%	100%	85%	93%



CLA Review performance has been consistently high throughout the year, with a monthly performance ranging from 88% to 100%.

There was a drop in the number of CLA Review's due in February and this was due to a low number of 3/6 Monthly Review's being completed in August 17 and a low number of Initial Review's completed in November 17, all of which would be triggered a Review in February upon completion.

Current year end data is showing 93% of Review's completed in time.

## Length of Time in Care

**2017/18**

	Ceased LAC	Percentage	Average Weeks Looked After	
LAC returned home in less than 12 weeks	27	16.07%	3	▲
LAC returned home between 12 & 24 weeks	30	17.86%	17	▼
LAC returned home after 24 weeks	111	66.07%	215	▼
<b>Overall:</b>	<b><u>168</u></b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b><u>145</u></b>	

This is a Local Authority Performance Indicator that we report on quarterly and the targets this year are:

- a) CLA returned home in less than 12 weeks (20.52%)
- b) CLA returned home between 12-24 weeks (9.61%)
- c) CLA returned home after 24 weeks (69.87%)

a) Performance has dropped since Quarter 3 with more children returning home in less than 12 weeks but we are within target for year end reporting.

b) Target wasn't achieved with more children going home in the 12-24 week timeframe which is higher than the 9.61% target set. Performance has improved slightly during the quarter but 23% of children (7/30), ceased to be looked after within 12-24 weeks of becoming looked after because permanence for them was achieved through securing Special Guardianship Orders in a relatively short period of time. This can only be viewed as a positive outcome for the children concerned who will now have a safe & stable home environment within their extended family without the need for on-going statutory intervention from Children's Services.

c) Target wasn't achieved and we had less children returning home after the 24 weeks which is less than the 69.87% target set. Performance has dropped during the quarter but will be impacted on by the number of children that return home in less than 24 weeks. However this has to be viewed in the context of the reasons why children cease to be looked after within a relatively short period of time. This can be because while permanence for them cannot be achieved with their parents it can be achieved within their extended family & this will always be a positive

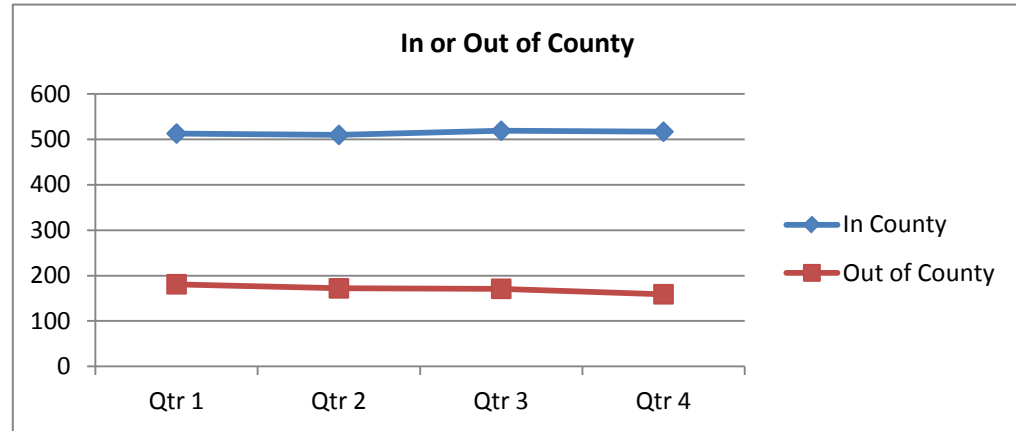
## Location of Placements In-Out of County

**2017/18**

	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
<b><i>In County</i></b>	513	510	519	517
<b><i>Out of County</i></b>	181	172	171	159
<b><i>Total</i></b>	694	682	690	676

76.5% of our looked after children were residing within RCT at the end of Qtr 4.

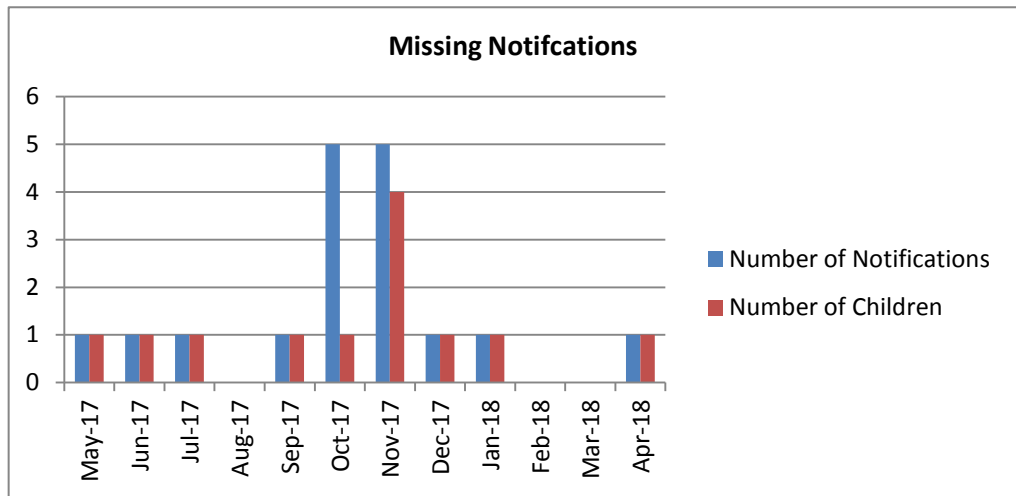
Each quarter has seen a drop in the number of children residing outside RCT. 26% was reported on 30th June 17 and 23.5% on 31st March 18.



## Missing Notifications for Looked After Children

	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
<b><i>Number of Notifications</i></b>	1	1	1	0	1	5	5	1	1	0	0	1	17
<b><i>Number of Children</i></b>	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	10

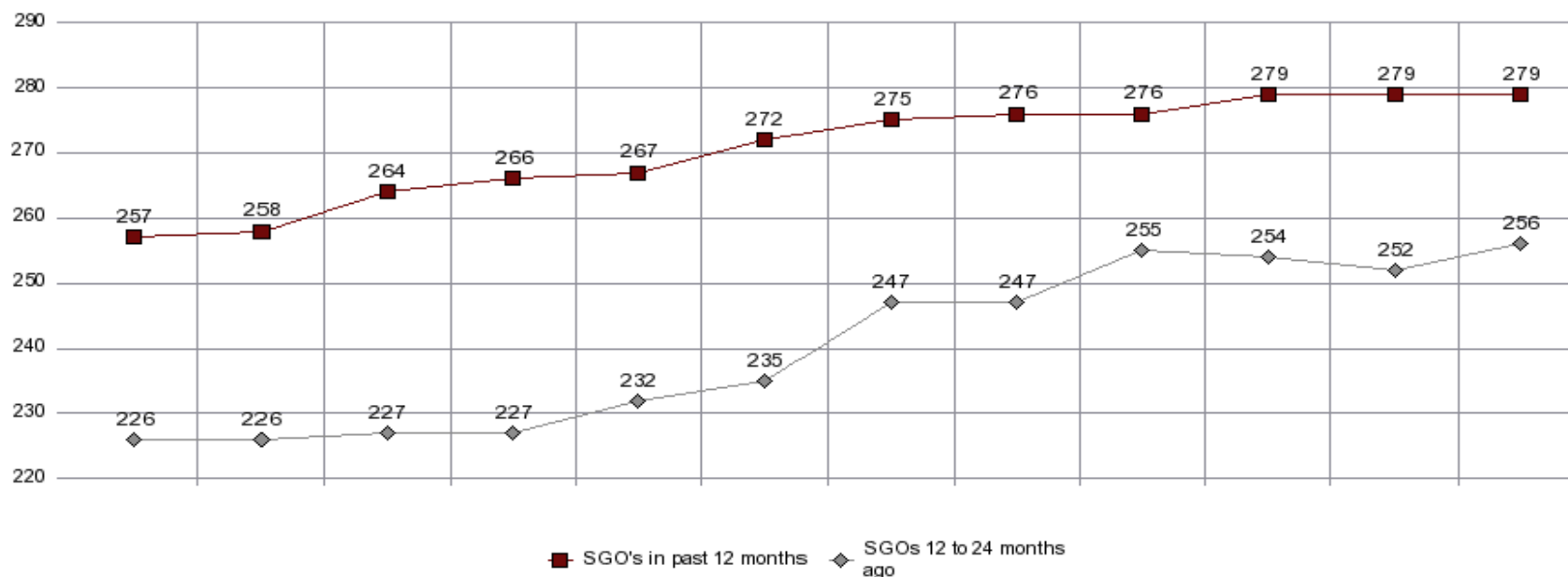
There has been a total of 17 missing notifications recorded over the last 12 months between May 17 to April 18. These were for 10 looked after children. Some children were recorded more than once during the period due to them going missing multiple times.



## SPECIAL GUARDIANSHIP ORDERS

Monthly SGO numbers over the last 12 months, compared with SGO numbers at the same period last year

SGO's	10/Jun	10/Jul	10/Aug	10/Sep	10/Oct	10/Nov	10/Dec	10/Jan	10/Feb	10/Mar	10/Apr	10/May
Current Year:	257	258	264	266	267	272	275	276	276	279	279	279
Last Year:	226	226	227	227	232	235	247	247	255	254	252	256
Var:	+31	+32	+37	+39	+35	+37	+28	+29	+21	+25	+27	+23



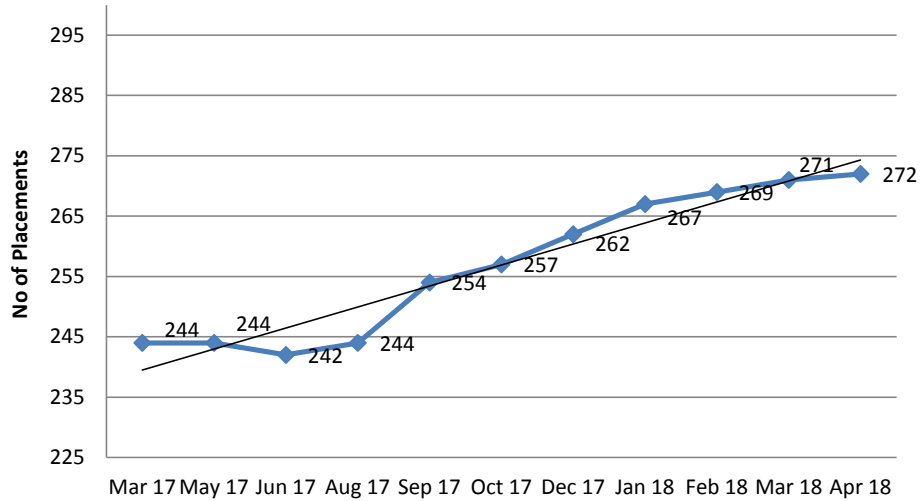
We currently have 279 children subject to an SGO which is 23 more when compared to the same time last year. 29 Orders have been granted in the last 12 months.

We are paying an SGO allowance for 271 of these children.

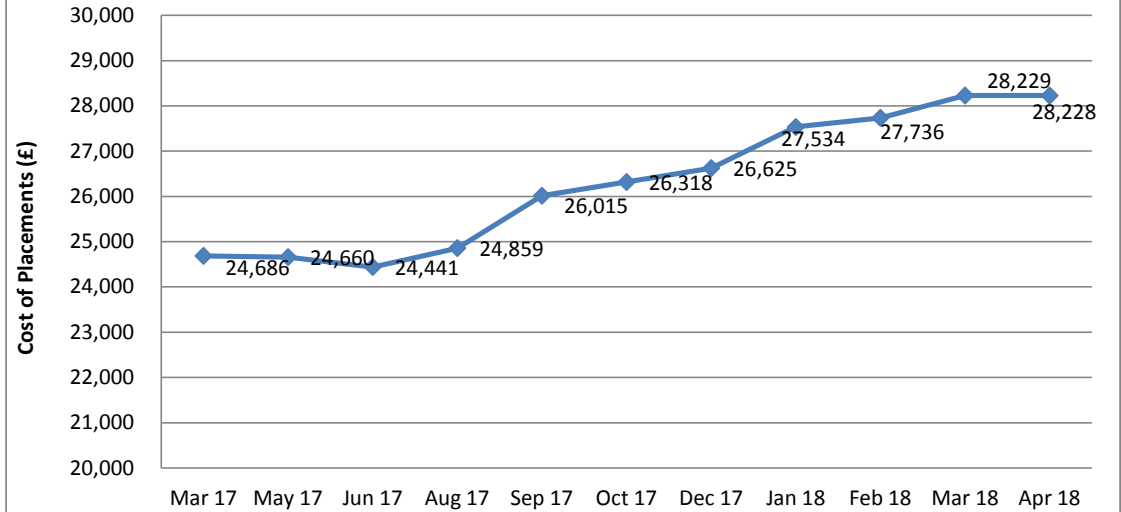
**Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)**

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
<b>Special Guardianship Orders</b>	244		244	242		244	254	257		262	267	269	271	272
<b>Special Guardianship Orders (cost pw)</b>	£ 24,686		£ 24,660	£ 24,441		£ 24,859	£ 26,015	£ 26,318		£ 26,625	£ 27,534	£ 27,736	£ 28,229	£ 28,228

**Special Guardianship Orders (Numbers)**



**Special Guardianship Orders (Costs)**



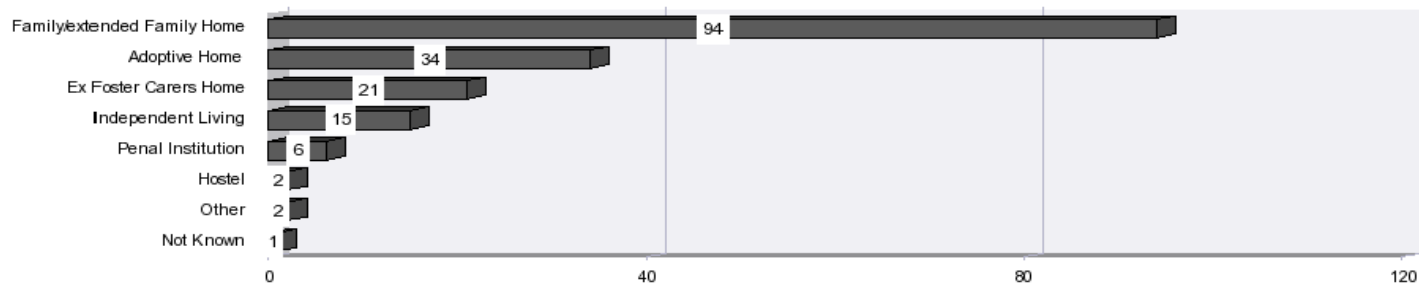
Special Guardianship Orders (SGO's) have continued to rise and will do for the foreseeable future. This is because of a concerted effort to promote them but also the fact that SGO's are generally taken out with regards to younger children and do not cease until the child is 16 to 18 years old. At some point we will reach a plateau where SGO's start to end and will be replaced by new ones, halting the steady increase we have seen for the past 6 years (67 SGO's in April 2012) but this will not be for a few years yet.

## LEAVING CARE

### All Children Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018

Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018 **175**

#### All Children Ceased LA between 01/04/2017 and 30/04/2018 by the Type of After Care Accommodation



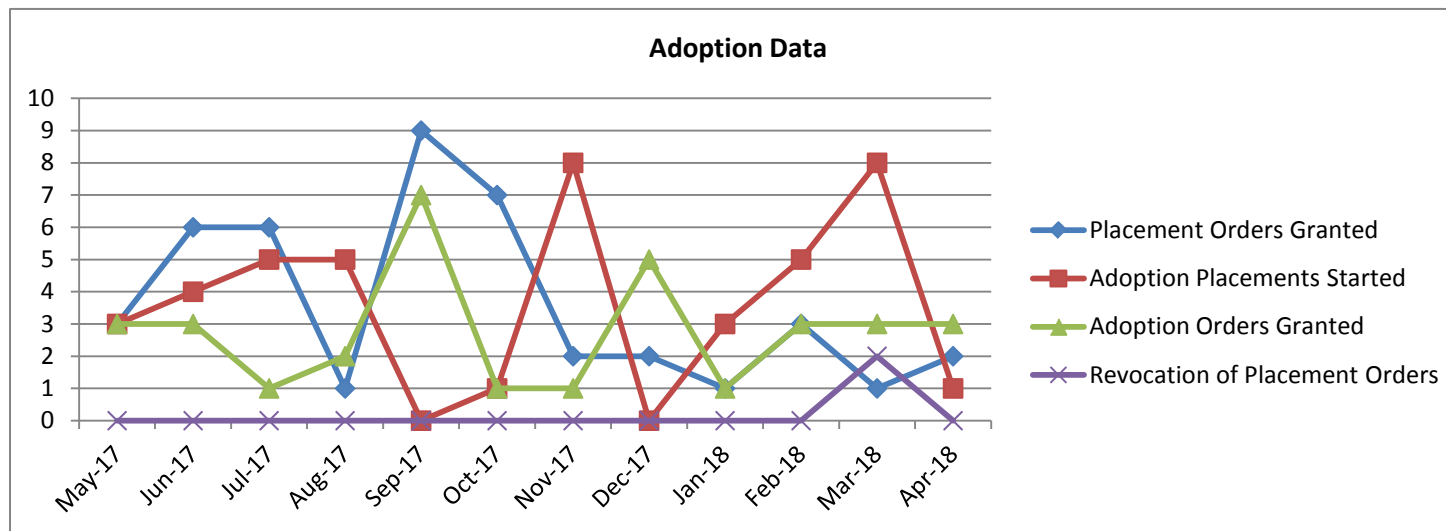
Month Ceased LA:	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	Total
<b>Adoptive Home</b>	1	3	3	1	2	7	1	1	5	1	3	3	3	<b>34</b>
<b>Ex Foster Carers Home</b>	3	-	2	1	2	-	1	2	2	-	4	3	1	<b>21</b>
<b>Family/extended Family Home</b>	10	9	3	9	13	6	5	8	1	9	7	14	-	<b>94</b>
<b>Independent Living</b>	3	1	-	3	2	-	1	-	2	-	1	1	1	<b>15</b>
<b>Other</b>	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Penal Institution</b>	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	<b>6</b>
<b>Hostel</b>	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>2</b>
<b>Not Known</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	<b>1</b>
<b>Ceased LA per Month:</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>175</b>

The total number of children that have ceased CLA Apr17-Apr18 is 175 which is lower than the 221 reported for the same period in 2016/17. In relation to the child's residence after leaving care, the highest number return home to Family/Extended Family. 34 children have had an Adoption Order granted over the year and this is 9 more than reported for the same period last year. 21 children remained with Ex Foster carers and of these, 14 were under the 'When I'm Ready Arrangement', 5 were subject to SGO's, 1 has remained with carer under a private arrangement whilst an SGO is applied for and 1 child remained as a Supported Lodgings provision. The 1 unknown placement was where an unaccompanied asylum seeking child ran away from placement and did not return.

## ADOPTION

### Placement Orders, Adoption Orders & Revocations

	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
<b>Placement Orders Granted</b>	3	6	6	1	9	7	2	2	1	3	1	2	43
<b>Adoption Placements Started</b>	3	4	5	5	0	1	8	0	3	5	8	1	43
<b>Adoption Orders Granted</b>	3	3	1	2	7	1	1	5	1	3	3	3	33
<b>Revocation of Placement Orders</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2



43 children have had a Placement Order granted over the last 12 months and of these 17 have since been placed in Adoption Placements.

43 Adoption placements have been started within the last 12 months, this is 16 more than the number started in the same period 2016/17.

33 Adoption Orders have been granted over the last 12 months. 19 Orders were granted in the same period Apr16-Mar17, so we have exceeded this figure.

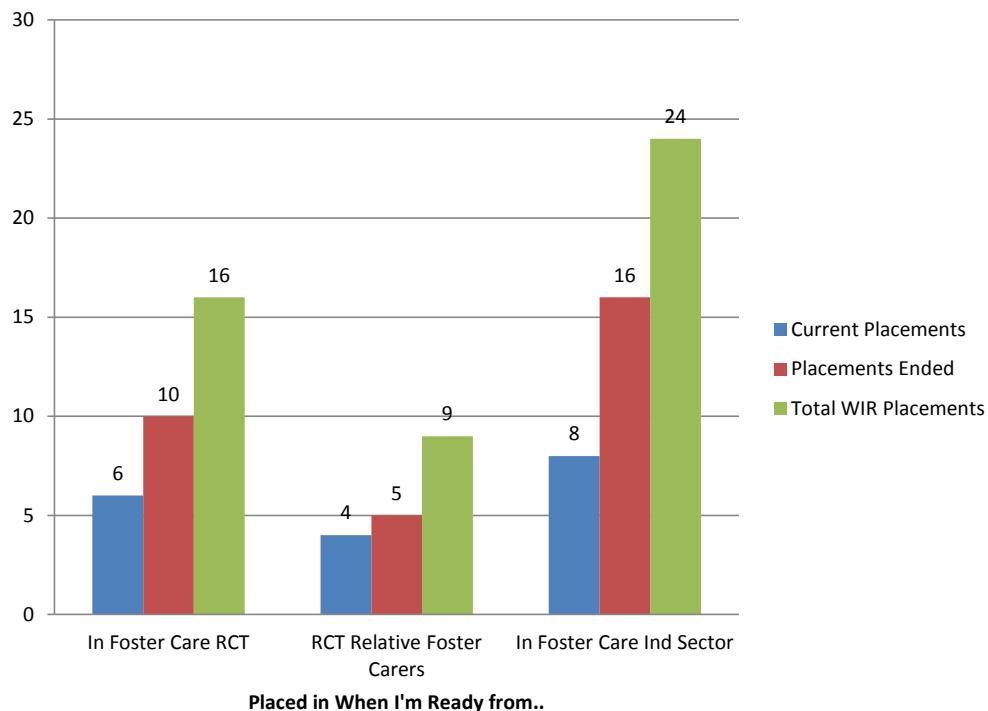
There have been 2 revocations of Placement Orders made this year to date. The previous year 2016/17 there were 5 revocations made.



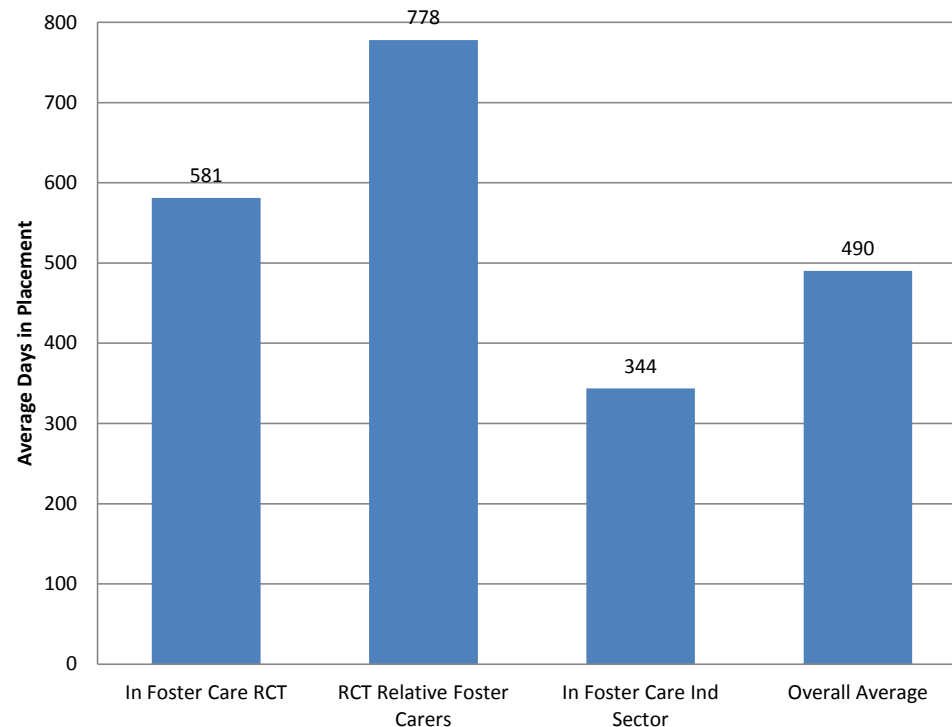
## Weekly Cost of CLA Placements (Annual Variance - year to date)

Placed From	Current Placements	Placements Ended	Total WIR Placements	%	Days in Placement (ended)	Avg Length (ended)
In Foster Care RCT	6	10	16	33%	5813	581
RCT Relative Foster Carers	4	5	9	18%	3890	778
In Foster Care Ind Sector	8	16	24	49%	5498	344
<b>Overall Average</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15201</b>	<b>490</b>

### When I'm Ready (placed from)



### When I'm Ready (Average placement length)



There have been 49 Young Persons placed in When I'm Ready placements since the scheme started in 2015. 49% (24) of these YP remained with their Former Independent Foster Carers, 33% (16) with RCT Foster Carers and 18% (9) with Relative Carers.

A young Person is entitled (if the foster carer agrees) to spend 3 years in a When I'm Ready (WIR) placement (1,095 days). The average length of WIR placements that have ended is 490 days. There is a big difference in the length of placement depending on the type of placement it was prior to converting to WIR. Former Relative placements last on average 778 days, former RCT carers 581 days and former Independent Carers 344 days. There are numerous reasons why a WIR placement may end e.g. the young person feels prepared enough to move to their own tenancy and full independence but the data also suggests there is a direct correlation between the levels of remuneration being received and placement length. Relative carers do not see any difference in remuneration levels by converting to WIR and Independent carers see the biggest reduction.