



# **One Adoption North & Humber RAA Annual Performance Report**

**2021/2022 April 2021 to March 2022**



## Introduction/summary

This is the Q4 Annual Performance Report for the One Adoption North & Humber (OANH).

The data that is presented in this paper has been collated from the 5 local authorities (LA) that are members of OANH and stored centrally by the City of York Council (CYC) on behalf of the RAA. The data in this report is reliant on the accuracy of the data reported from the LAs.

The five LAs are East Riding, Hull, North East Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire and York.

The 5 LAs have provided child-level and adopter-level data on a monthly basis for any children/adopters that were in any part of the adoption process between the 2019/20 and 2021/22 financial years, which is based mainly upon the data that is provided quarterly for the Adoption Leadership Board (ALB). We previously collected adoption support data as an aggregated figure, but as of 2019/20 we will be receiving adoptive family level data on a monthly basis using a spreadsheet template developed by OANH. The LAs also provided quarterly figures around children leaving care and complaints.

The figures that have been produced and are presented in this paper have been sent to relevant LAs within the OANH for review and have been agreed as accurate by the Adoption Managers in each area.

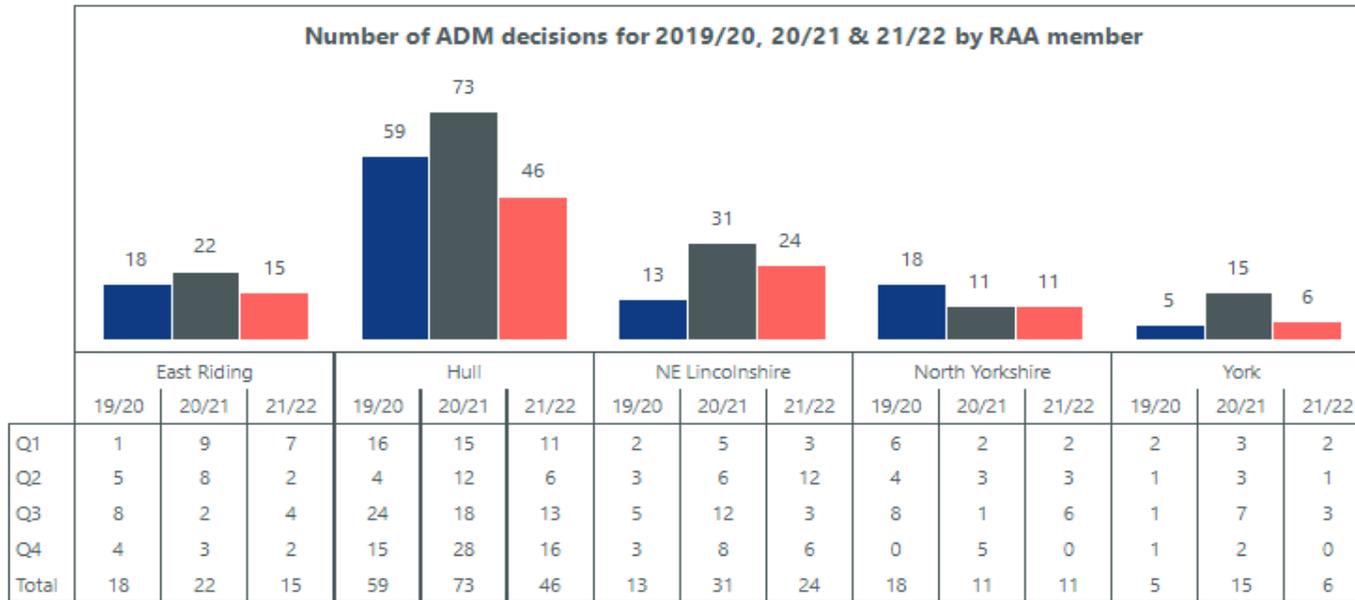
From the data, a range of performance measures were calculated, primarily based upon:

- Measures collected for the Department of Education's (DfE) Adoption Scorecard
- Additional performance measures that the OANH requires

These measures have been included to help monitor and improve the adoption process by highlighting trends across different measures.

The figures shown through the document are the total for the OANH for Q4 2021/2022 (April 2021 - March 2022), while the graphical data breaks down this data by local authority and/or previous financial years. For further enquiries please contact [business.intelligence@york.gov.uk](mailto:business.intelligence@york.gov.uk).

**Graph 1**

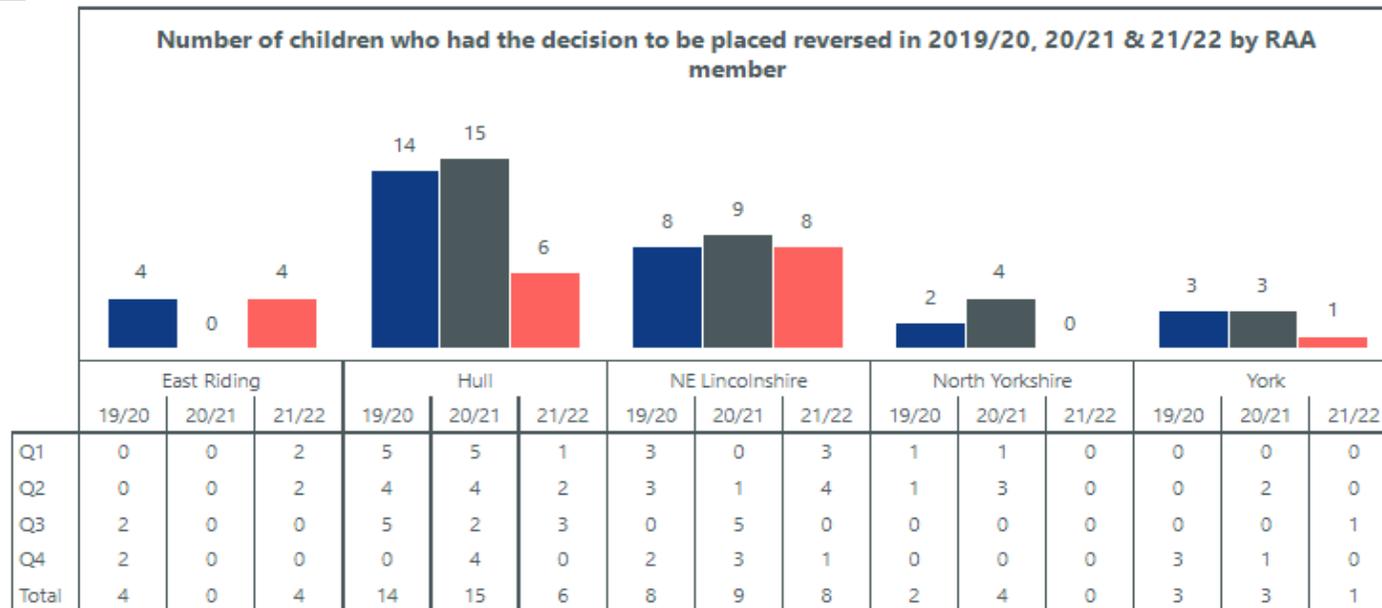


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children who had an ADM decision during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 (by RAA member).

LAs aggregate in 2020-21 was 152 and 2021-22 102. Planning for adoption has reduced significantly. This reduction is reflected in 4 of the 5 LAs (North Yorkshire remains low but constant).

**Graph 2**

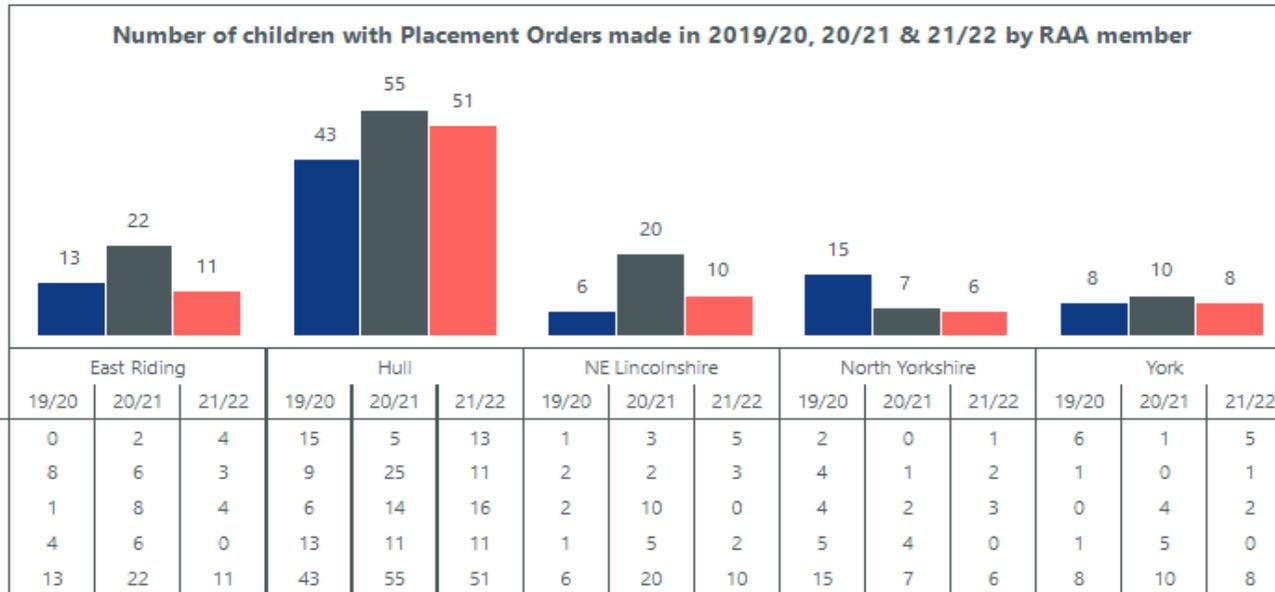


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children who had their decision to be placed for adoption reversed during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 (by RAA member).

LAs aggregate in past two years were both 31. 2021-22 aggregate for reversal of plan for adoption was 19. This reflects a significant reduction in all LAs.

**Graph 3**

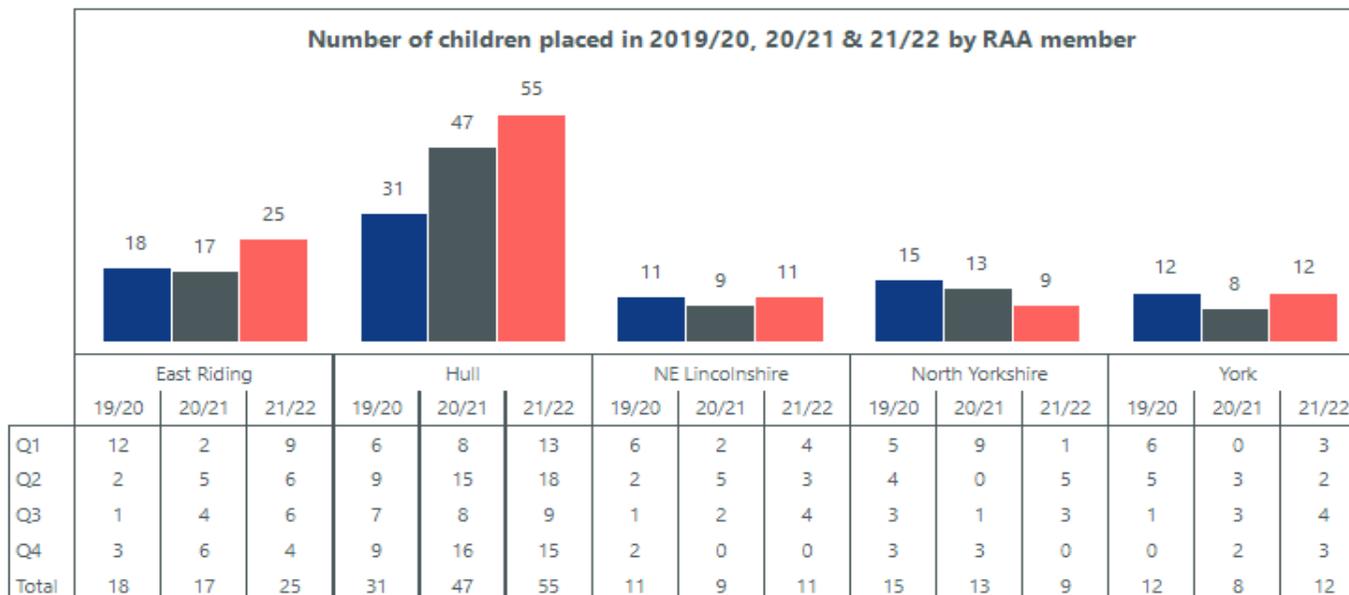


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children who had a placement order granted during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 (by RAA member).

LA aggregate in 2020-21 was 114. The recent year aggregate is 86. This reflects a significant reduction in the number of placement orders granted, with all LAs showing a decrease.

**Graph 4**

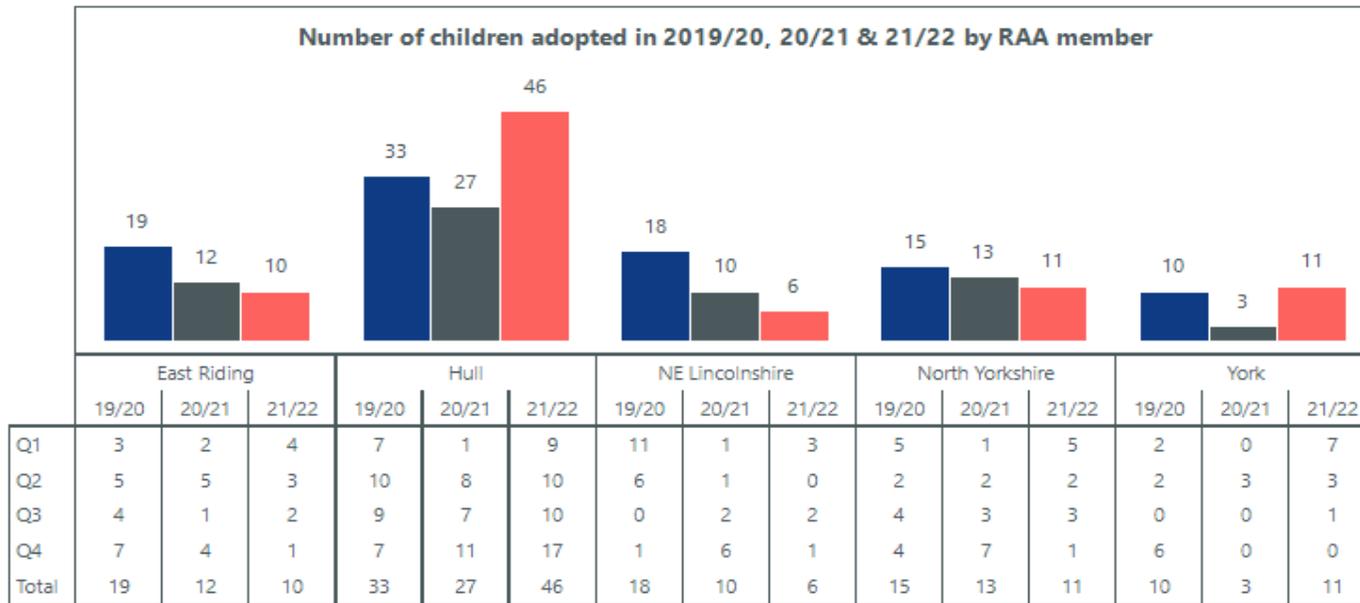


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children placed with an adoptive family during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 (by RAA member).

LA aggregate in 20-21 was 94. The recent year aggregate is 112. There has been an increase in children placed for adoption in 4 LAs with North Yorkshire reducing fractionally.

**Graph 5**

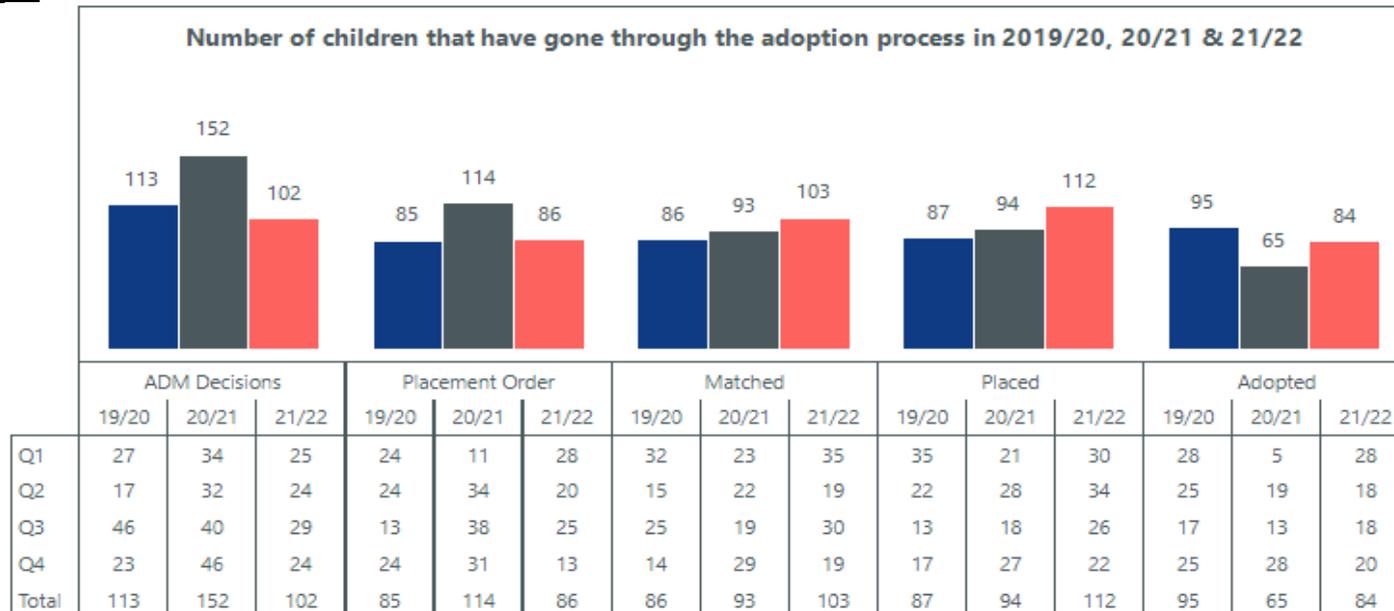


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children who had an adoption order granted during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22 (by RAA member).

LA aggregate in 2020-21 was 65. The recent year LA aggregate was 84. The number of children adopted has increased markedly in Hull and York, while the other 3 LAs have maintained consistent numbers.

**Graph 6**

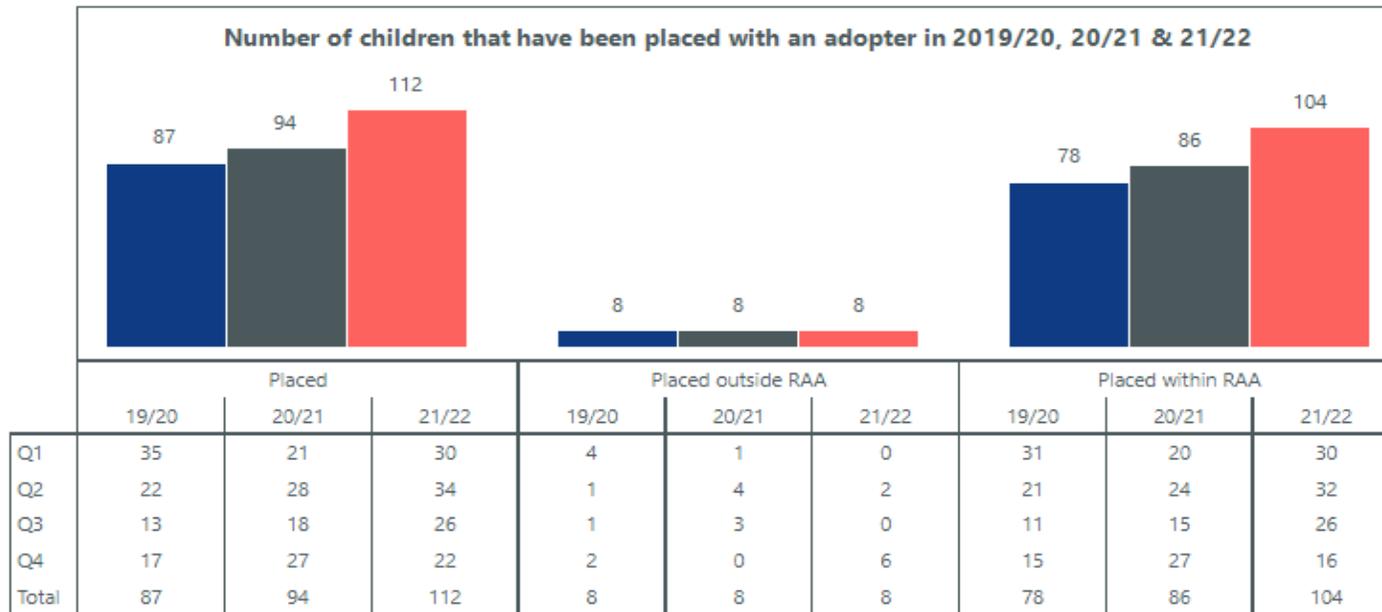


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children that have gone through different stages of the adoption process during 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

The total children across all 5 LAs at each stage of the adoption process during 21/22, shows remarkable balance of numbers. It indicates that ADMs and placement orders were down, matches, placements and adoption orders were all significantly up.

**Graph 7**

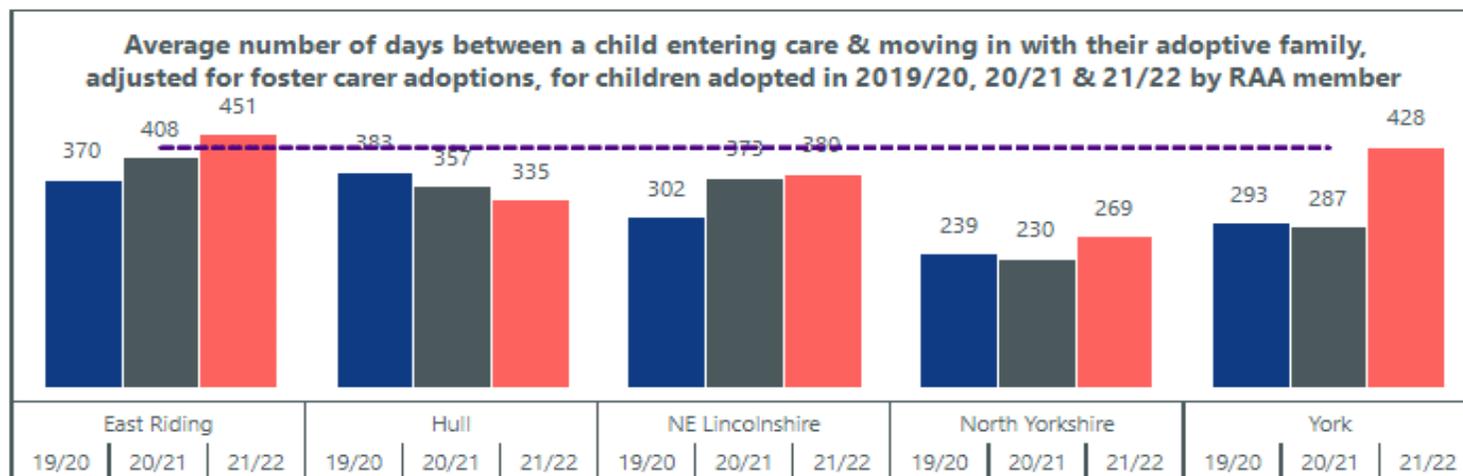


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children that were placed during 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22, and whether the child was placed with an adopter who was approved within or outside of the OAN&H RAA.

The % of the 5 LAs children placed with adoptive families approved by OANH was 92.8% in 21/22. This is the 4th successive year of a greater than 90% rate of OANH placement. This locality of placement for all the children of the 5 LAs affords greater scope for planning, continuity and consistency.

**Graph 8**

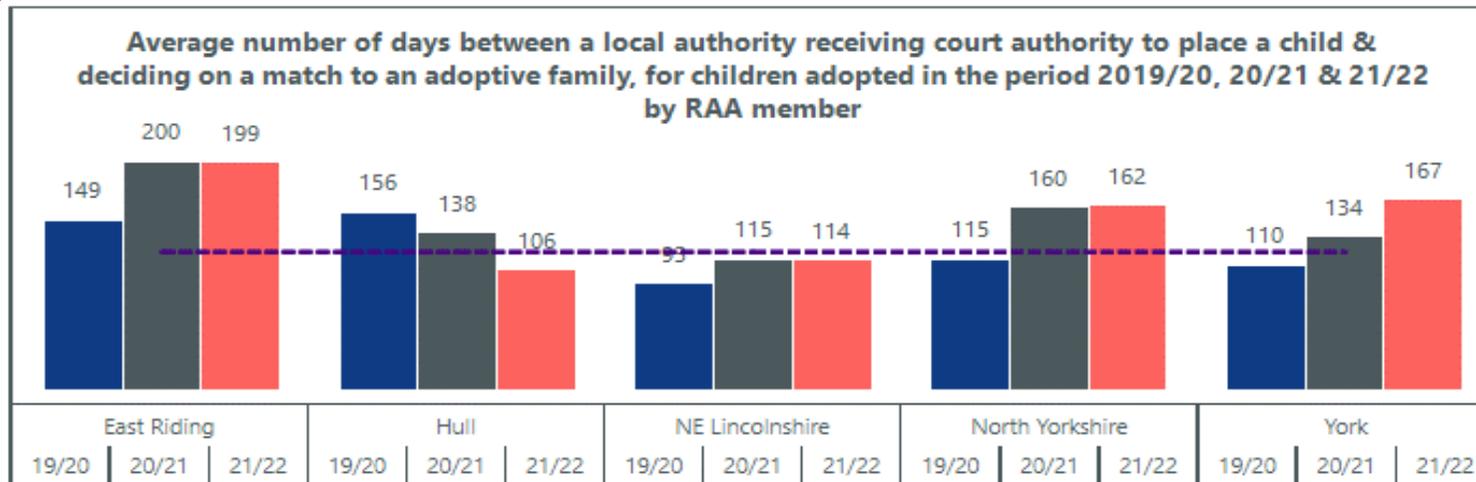


**Commentary**

This graph shows the adoption scorecard measure (A10), showing the number of days between a child entering care and being placed with their adoptive family, with foster carer adoptions removed. This measure is more informative in regards to how long children wait. The graph shows performance for 2019/20 (1 year), plus 2020/21 (2 years), and 2021/22 (3 years). The national average for this is 412 days. Due to the low numbers one child can make a significant difference to performance in this area.

The average outcomes for the children of the three LAs remain below the national average. The outcomes for East Riding, North East Lincs and York have increased from the previous year due the small numbers from which an average is drawn, which means a single longer period for a child can distort the mean.

**Graph 9**

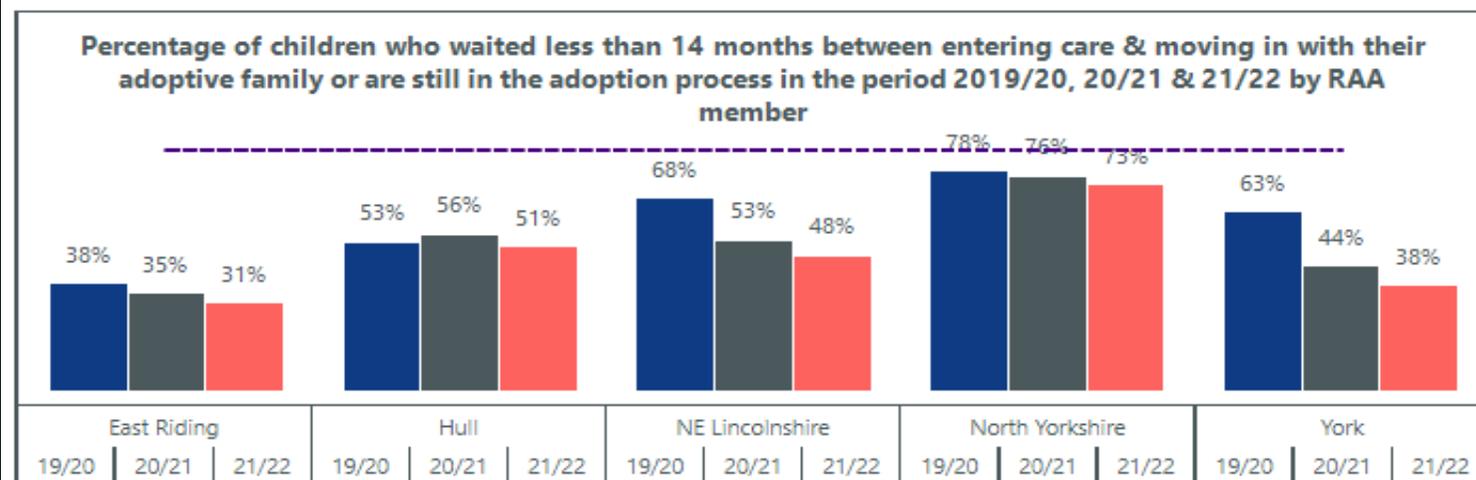


**Commentary**

This graph shows the adoption scorecard measure (A2). The graph shows performance for 2019/20 (1 year), plus 2020/21 (2 years), and 2021/22 (3 years).

Hull and North East Lincolnshire achieved a better outcome than the national average. Three LAs (East Riding, North Yorkshire and York) show higher average periods between becoming looked after and matching, these figures may be due to an individual child's figures distorting the mean.

**Graph 10**

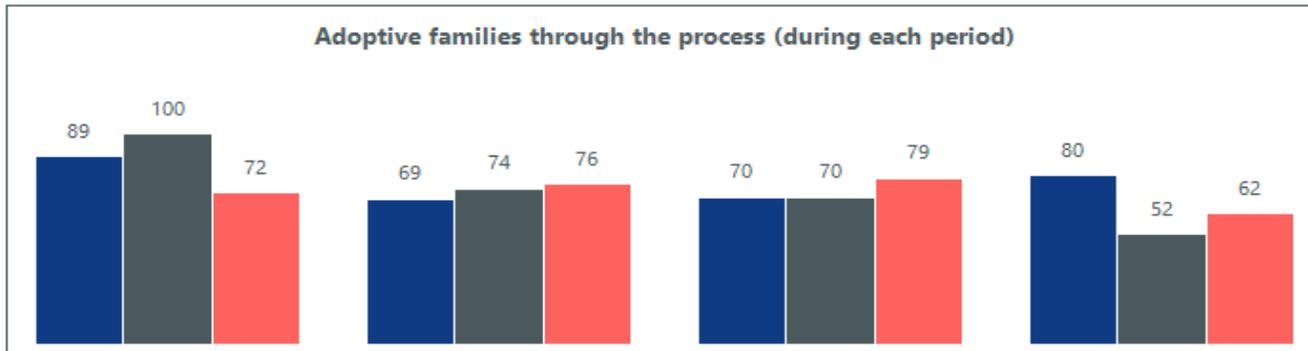


**Commentary**

This graph is taken from the adoption scorecard measure (A3), the percentage of children who wait less than 14 months between entering care and moving in with their adoptive family. The graph shows performance for (1 year), 2019/20 plus 2020/21 (2 years), and 2021/22 (3 years). The average for England was 56%.

The target is set very highly for this indicator. 4 of the 5 LAs achieved above the England average in previous years. North Yorkshire continues to achieve a high % success, while the other 4 LAs are lower in 21/22.

**Graph 11**



	Approved			Matched			Placed			Adopted		
	19/20	20/21	21/22	19/20	20/21	21/22	19/20	20/21	21/22	19/20	20/21	21/22
Q1	21	19	18	26	18	22	27	17	23	25	4	24
Q2	19	23	17	16	21	20	19	21	24	21	15	13
Q3	26	31	18	16	14	25	12	13	21	13	12	13
Q4	23	27	19	11	21	9	12	19	11	21	21	12
Total	89	100	72	69	74	76	70	70	79	80	52	62

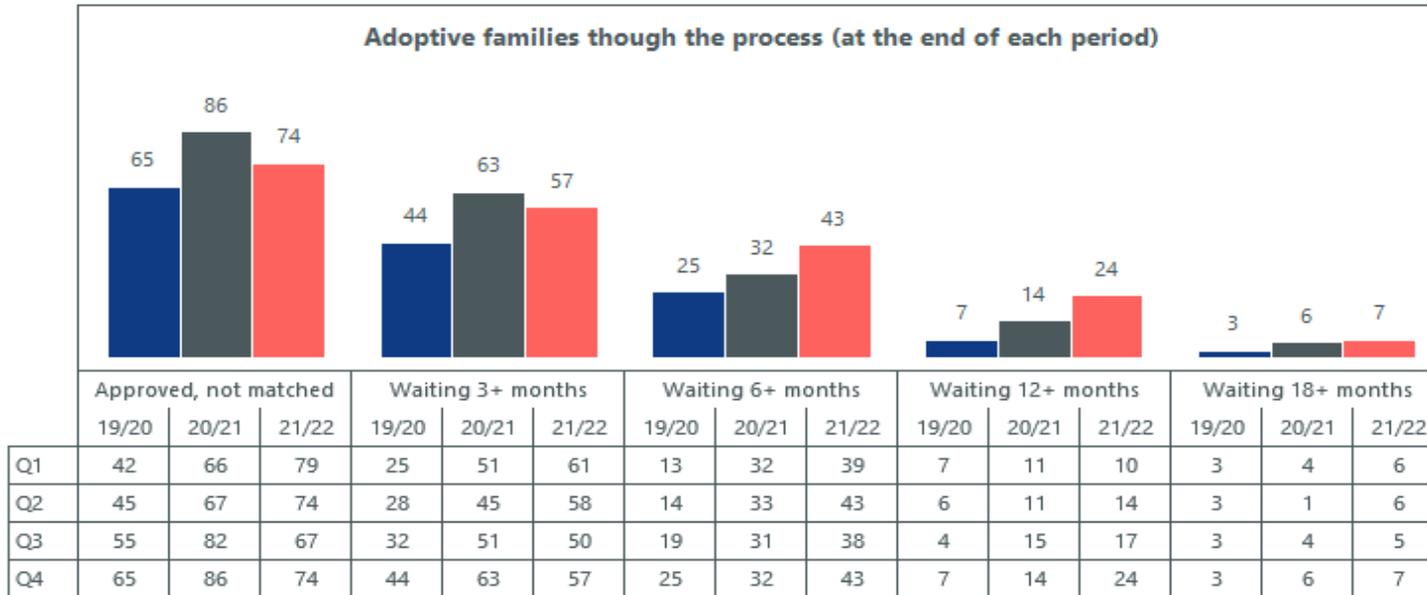
**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of adoptive families that have gone through the adoption process during 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22, and which part of the adoption process they went through.

Approvals are below target for 21/22 year. Matches and placement are all showing highest outcomes in history of RAA. The agency is seeking ways to boost the numbers of adopters in the process for 22/23.

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**Graph 12**

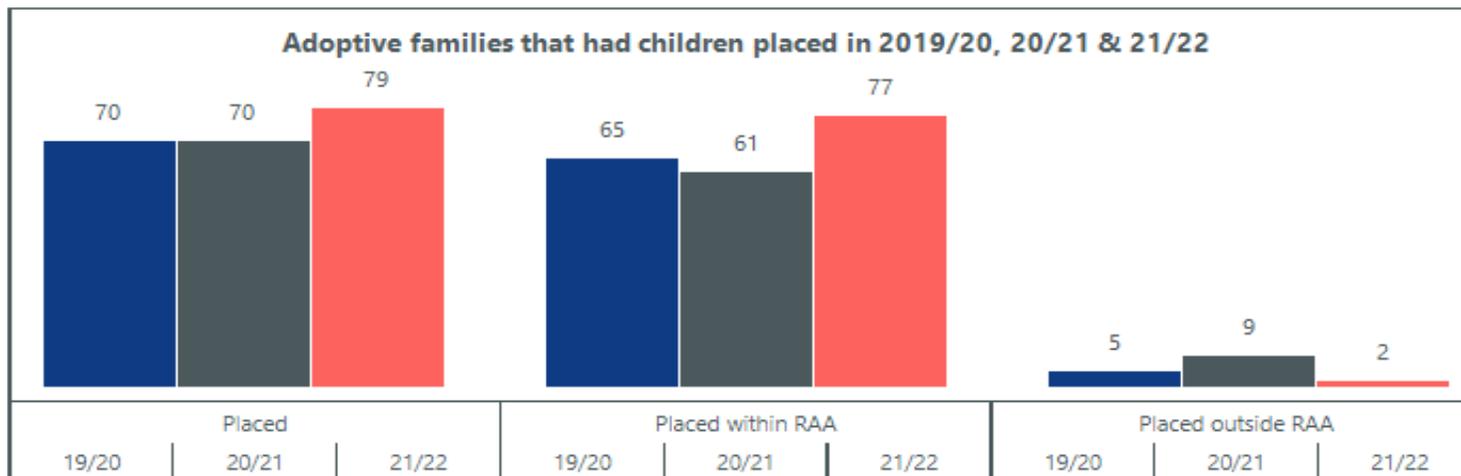


**Commentary**

This graph shows a snapshot of the number of prospective adoptive families and where they currently were in the adoption process at the end of the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

There are a number of the families waiting who are currently linked and will be matched.

**Graph 13**

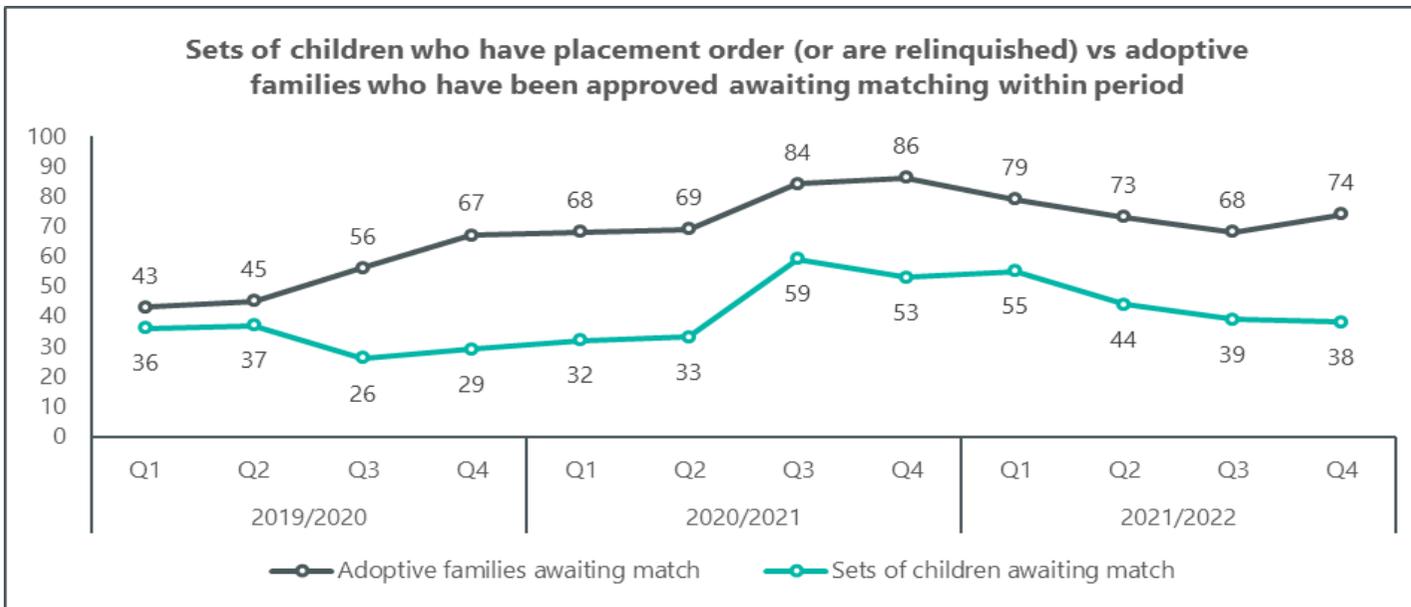


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of adoptive families who had children placed with them during 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

97.4% of adopters who had children placed from the 5 LAs. Only 2 families took children from LAs outside the region. 80% of approved adopters have a placement within 12 months of approval.

**Graph 14**

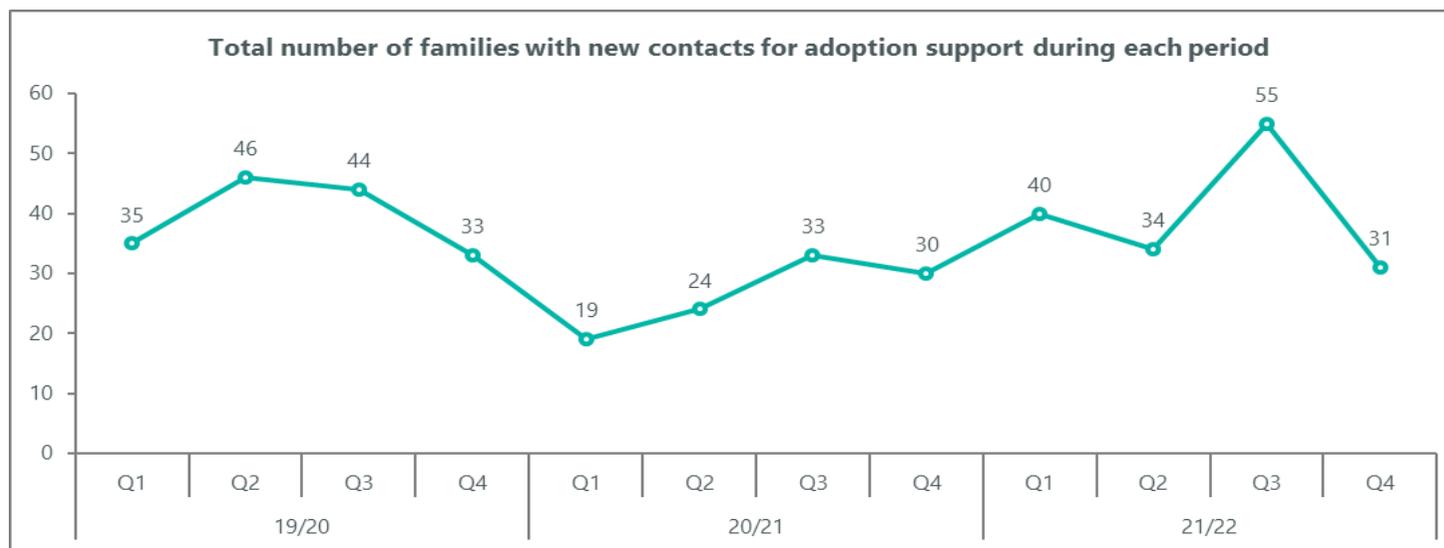


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of children who have had a placement order granted (or are relinquished) but are not matched to an adoptive family compared to the number of adoptive families that have been approved but have not been matched to a child, broken down by each quarter for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

The sets of children waiting for a match has reduced this year. The number of approved adopters available and waiting for placements has begun to fall accordingly. 27 of the 74 adoptive families not matched have a child placed under early permanence (fostering for adoption).

**Graph 15**

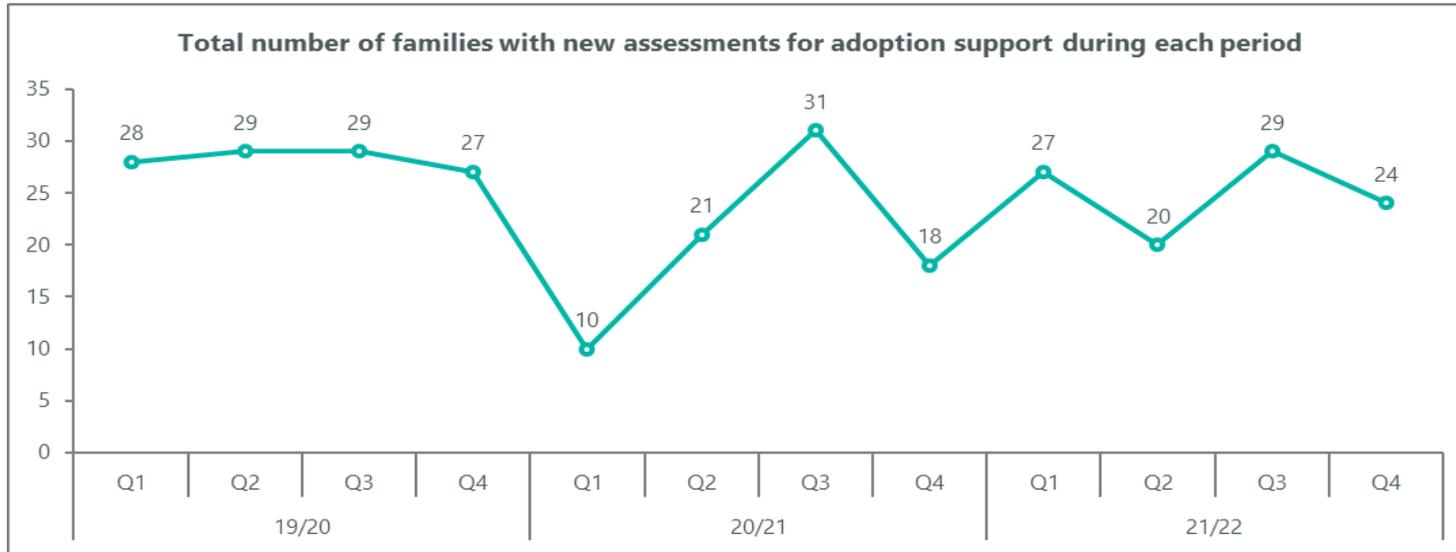


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of families that got in contact (i.e. new contacts) for adoption support during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

The new contacts for adoption support have been low in 20-21, but this has begun to increase in 21/22.

**Graph 16**

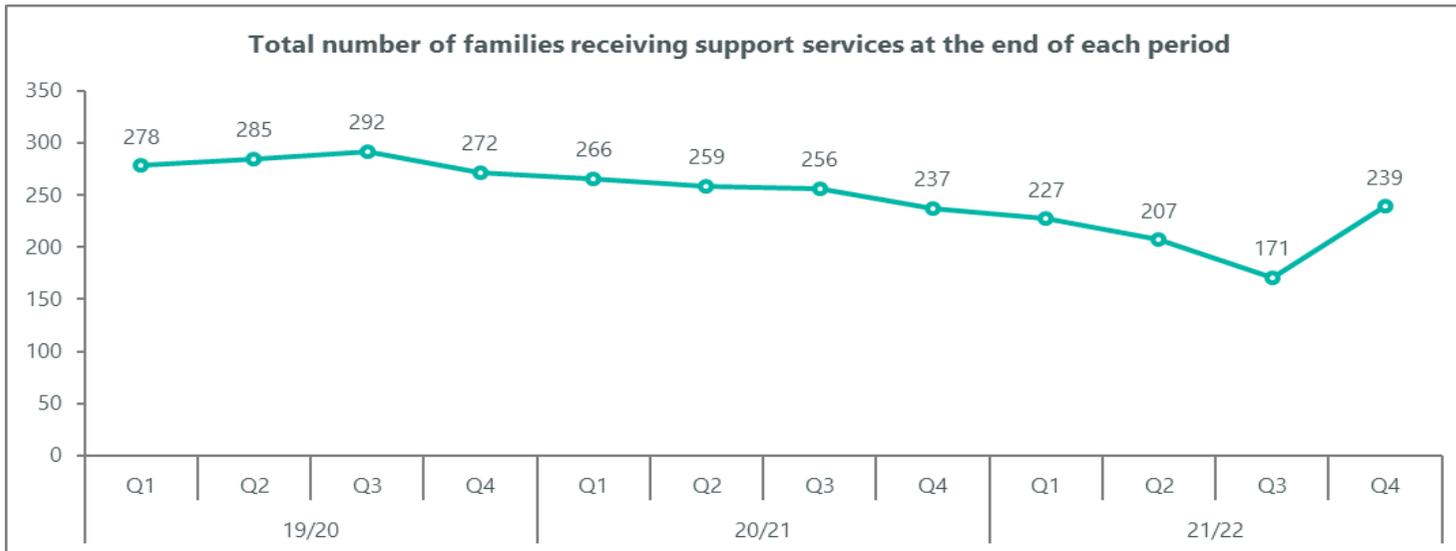


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of new assessments for adoption support during each period of 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

The new assessments for adoption support were lower in 20/21, but this has begun to increase markedly in 21/22, (25% up).

**Graph 17**

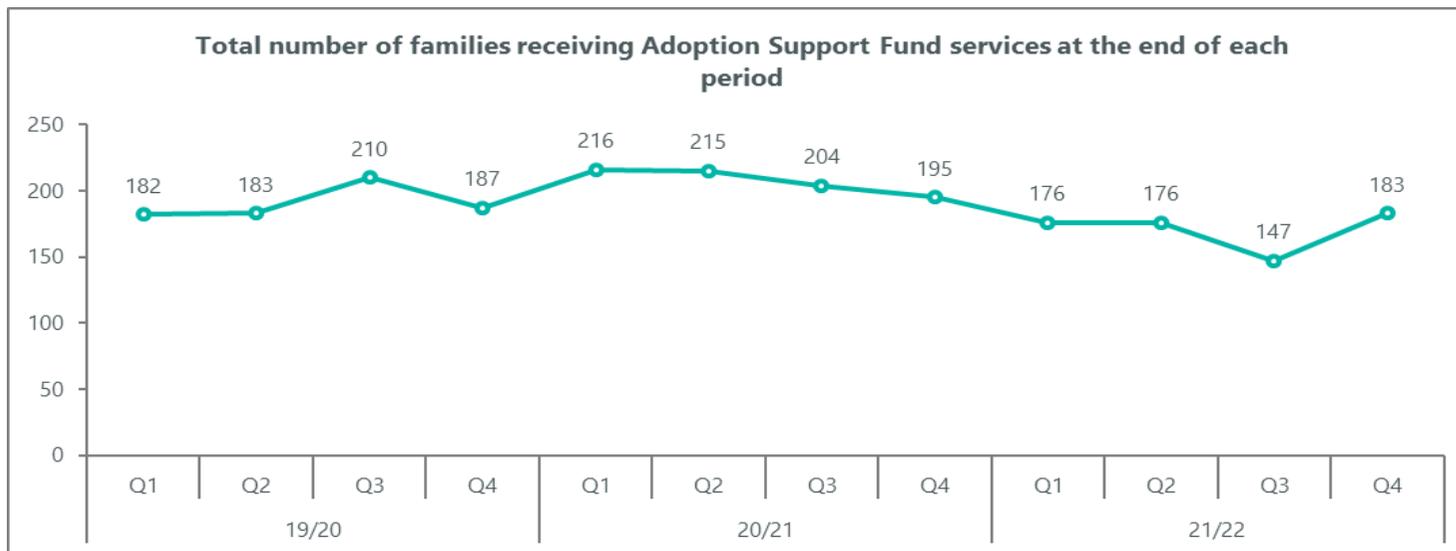


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of adoptive families who have open support cases at the end of each quarter for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

After a gradual decline in the numbers from 292 in q3 19/20 to 171 in q3 21/22, there has been a pronounced increase. Overall the total number is 53 down on the peak in q3 19/20.

**Graph 18**

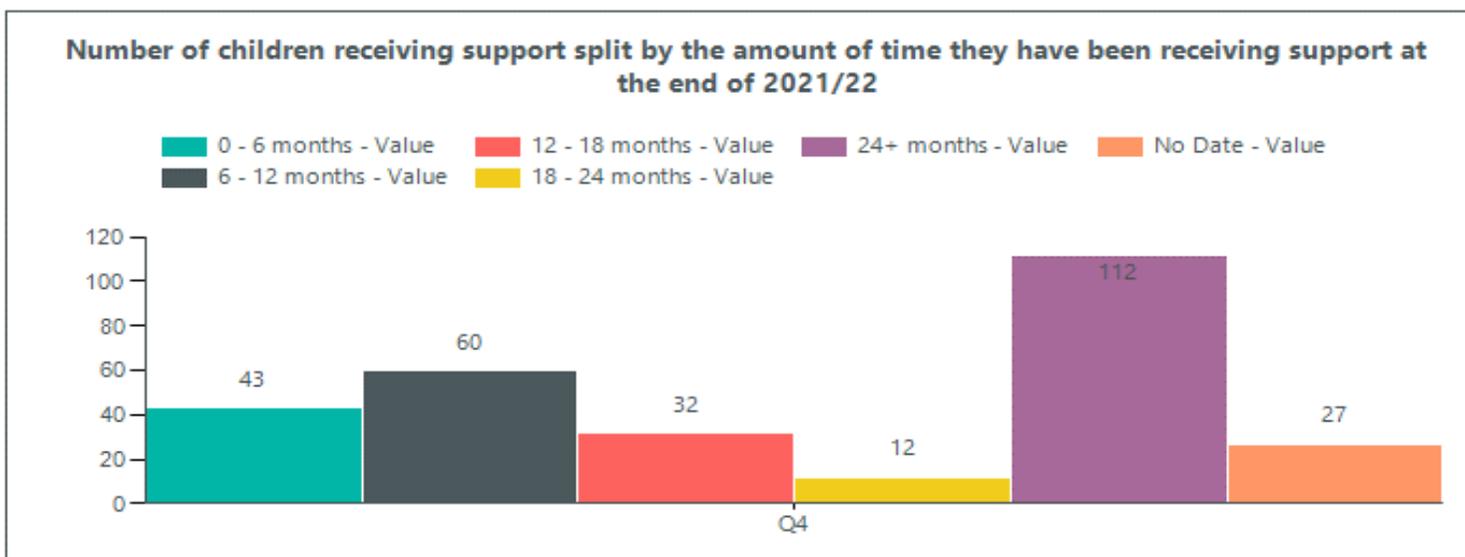


**Commentary**

This graph shows the number of families receiving Adoption Support Fund (ASF) services at the end of each quarter for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 & 2021/22.

After a gradual decline in the numbers from 216 in q1 20/21 to 147 in q3 21/22, there has been a pronounced increase. Overall the total number is 33 down on the peak in q1 20/21.

**Graph 19**



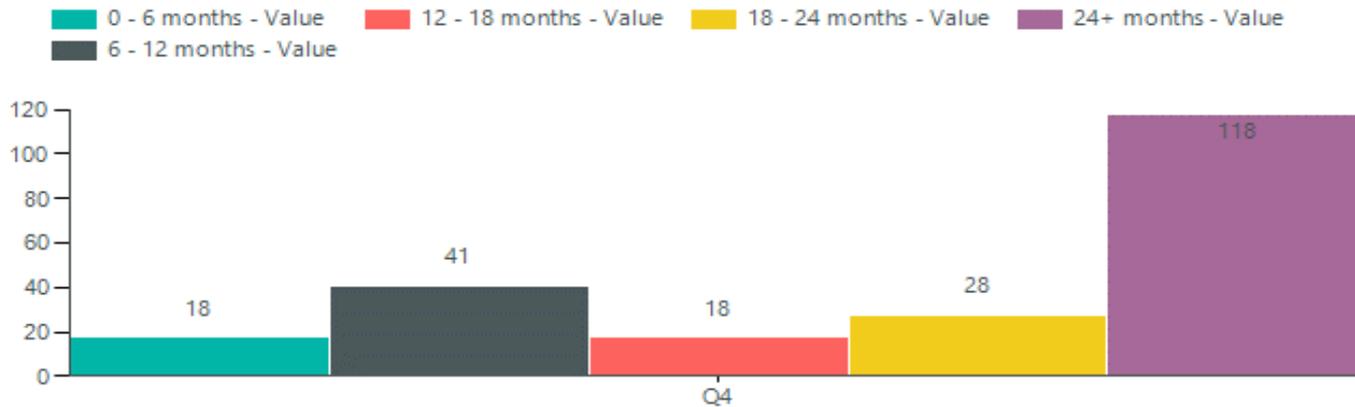
**Commentary**

This graph shows a snapshot of the number of children (not adoptive families) who were receiving adoption support at the end of the Q4 2021/22 and the length of time they have been receiving this support.

4 of the LAs have a predominance of long term adoption support cases i.e. open for >24 months. The second and third most prominent periods of involvements are 0-6 months and 6-12 months, denoting new cases in the past year. NE Lincs has a fairly equal spread of relatively few cases held for varying lengths of time.

**Graph 20**

**Number of children receiving ASF support split by the amount of time they have been receiving ASF support at the end of 2021/22**



**Commentary**

This graph shows a snapshot of the number of children (not adoptive families) who were accessing Adoption Support Funds (ASF) at the end of Q4 and the length of time they have been receiving ASF.

4 of the LAs have a predominance of children in receipt of long term support funded by the ASF i.e. open for >24 months. NE Lincs has a low take up ASF in general.

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## Snapshot Figures

This section of the report looks at characteristics of prospective adopters who are approved but not yet matched and those characteristics of children with placement orders but not yet matched as of the end of Q4 of 2021/22 (some of the children/prospective adopters are in the process of linking, but not yet had a decision following a matching panel).

### ADOPTERS

Ethnicity	No of individual adopters
White British	122
White Irish	0
White Other	6
Black Carribean	0
Any Other Ethnicity	3
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>74</b>

Religion	No of individual adopters
Christian	53
None	67
Other	11
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>74</b>

Relationship status	No of individual adopters
Different sex partnership	18
Married (different sex)	78
Same sex partnership	12
Civil partnership/same-sex married	6
Single	17
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUALS</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS</b>	<b>74</b>

### CHILDREN

Ethnicity	No of children
White British	34
White Irish Traveller	0
White Roma/Traveller	0
White Other	3
Black Other	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>

Children who wait longer	No of children
Part of a sibling group	21
With a disability	3
BME	3
Aged 5 years +	10
<b>TOTAL INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN</b>	<b>37</b>

Complaints received	No of children
Allegations of misconduct against staff	0
Allegations relating to child protection of prospective adopters	0
Referrals to the Independent Safeguarding Authority	0