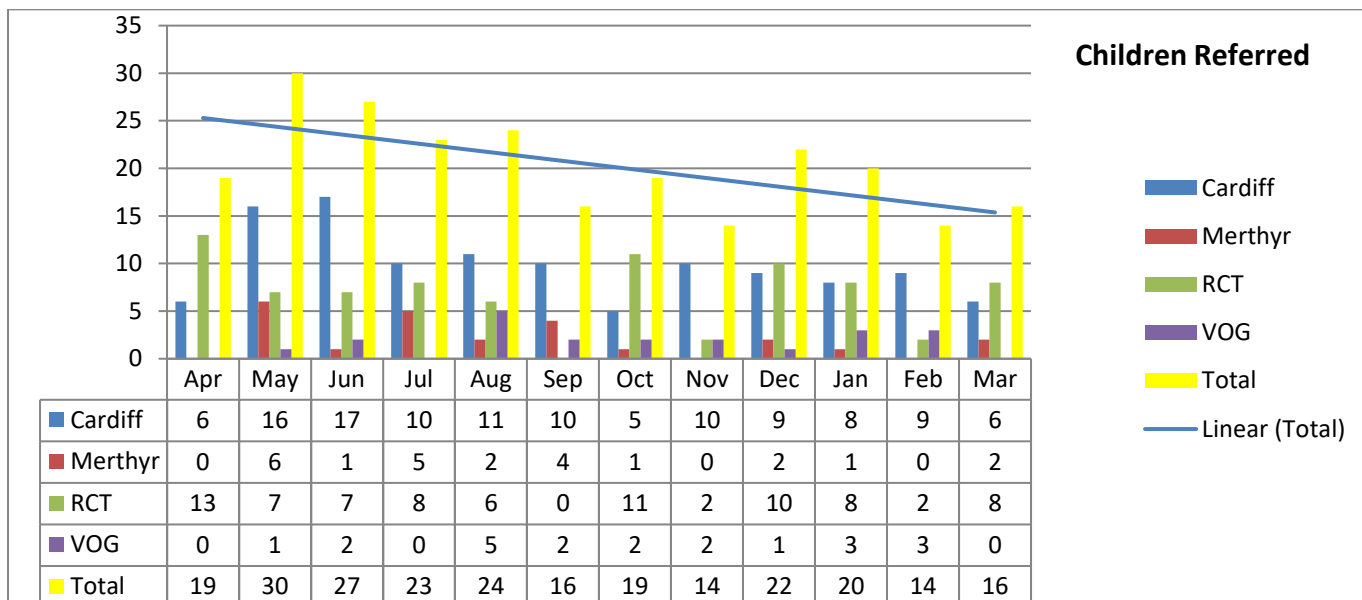


This report provides an overview of VVC performance against key indicators in respect children and adopters. The information is provided by local authorities. Comparative data is presented for 2016-17.

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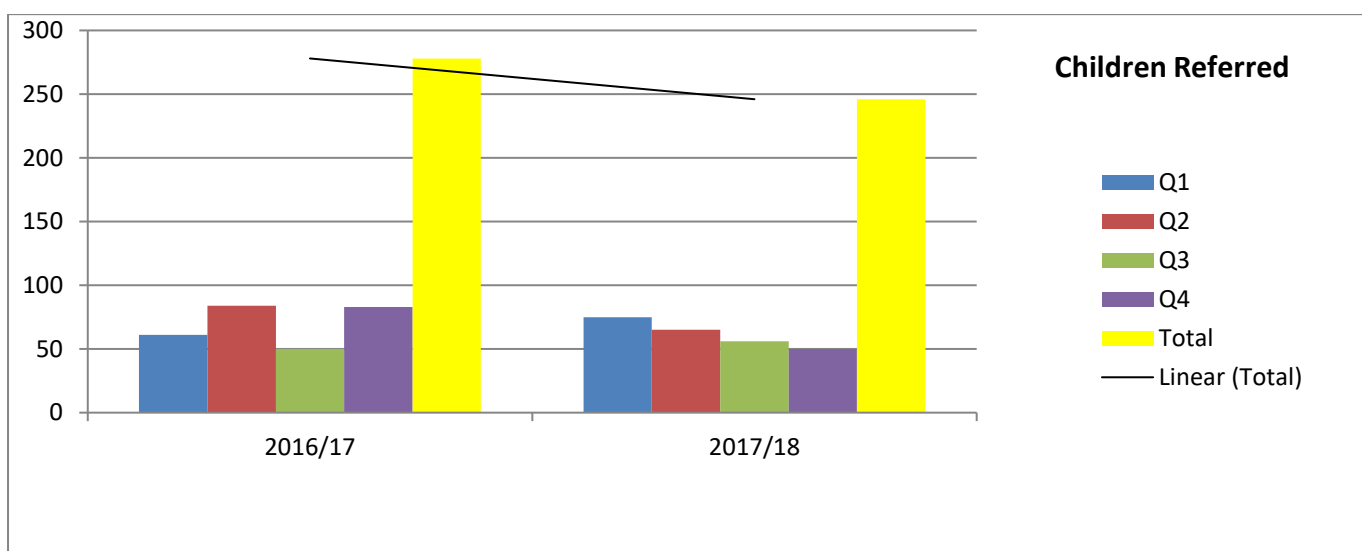
Number of Children Referrals made to VVC since April 2017 – of the 245 referrals received for 2017/18 – 57 have been withdrawn (23%)



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

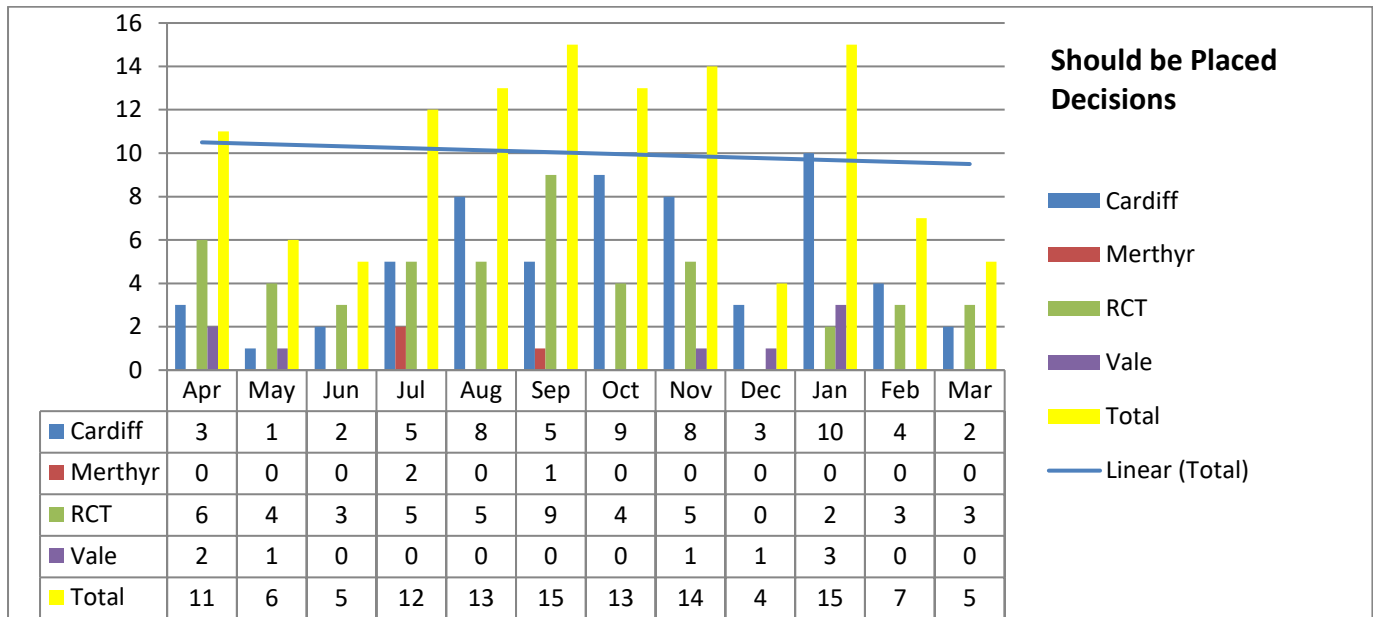
The number of children referred for adoption has fallen slightly although this figure represents the highest in Wales.

Number of Children Referrals made to VVC – Comparative Data



Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	63	84	50	83	280
2017/18	76	63	55	50	244
Total	139	147	105	133	524

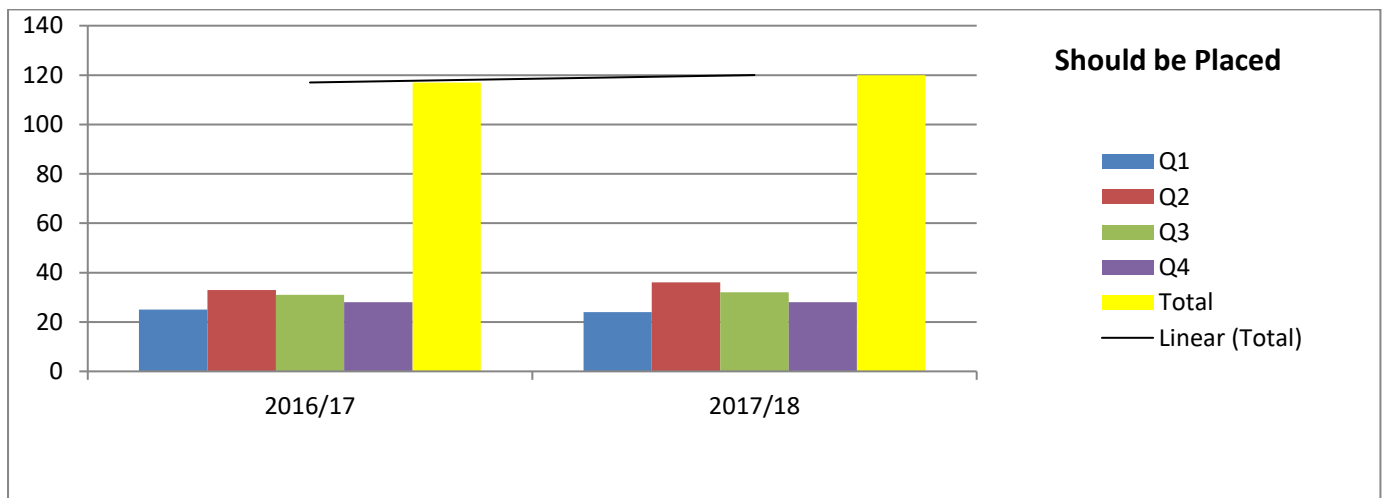
Number of Should Be Placed Decisions made since April 2017



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

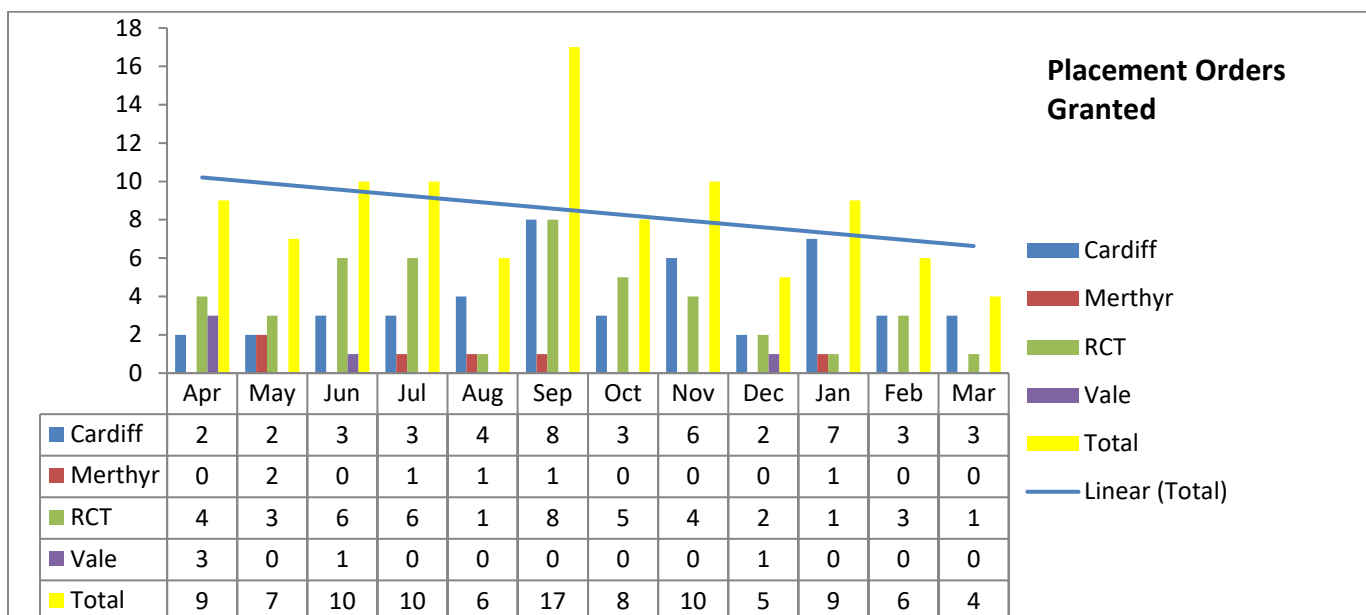
The number of children with a should be placed for adoption decision has slightly increased during the period.

Number of Should Be Placed Decisions made – Comparative Data



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

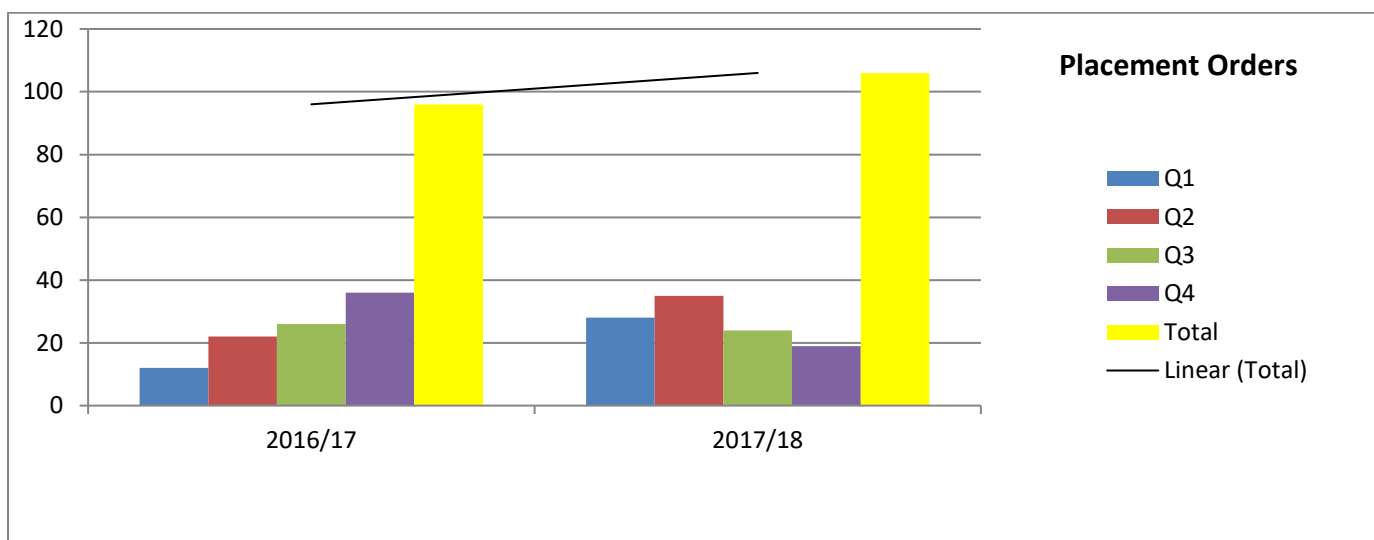
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Number of Placement Orders made since April 2017



2017/18	Cardiff	Merthyr	RCT	VOG	Total
Total	47	6	44	5	102

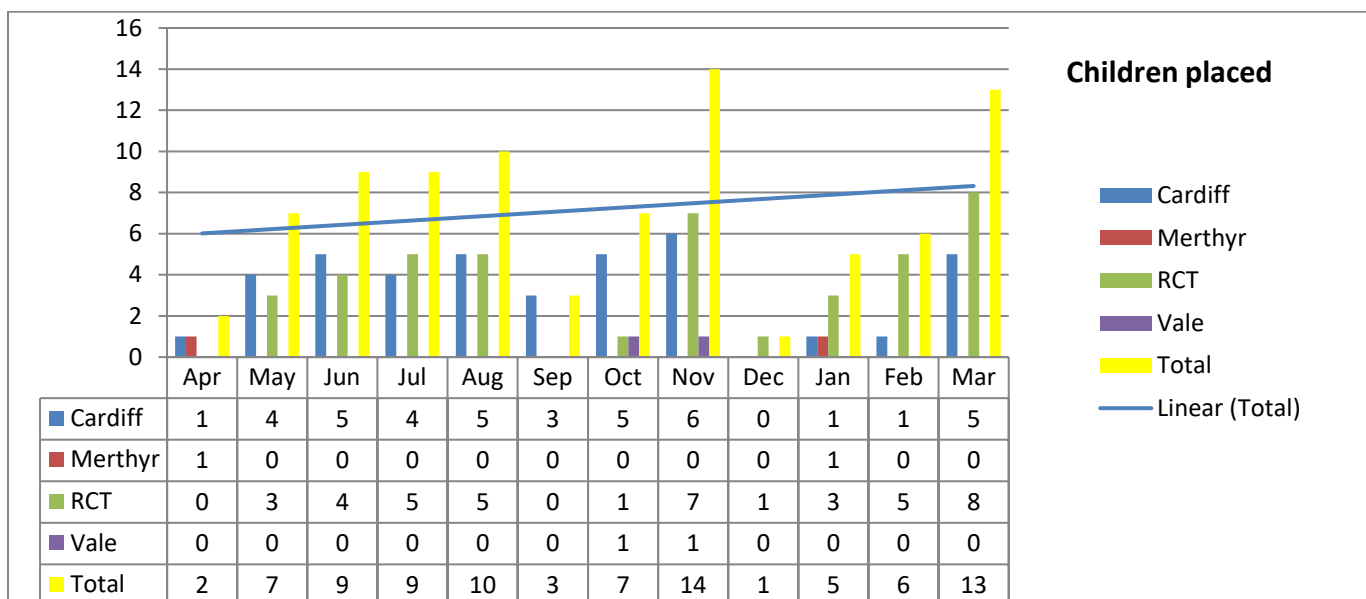
The region has also seen an increase in the number of children made subject of a Placement Order which is clearly affecting the number of children waiting.

Number of Placement Orders – Comparative Data



Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	18	33	26	36	113
2017/18	26	33	23	19	102
Total	40	57	50	55	215

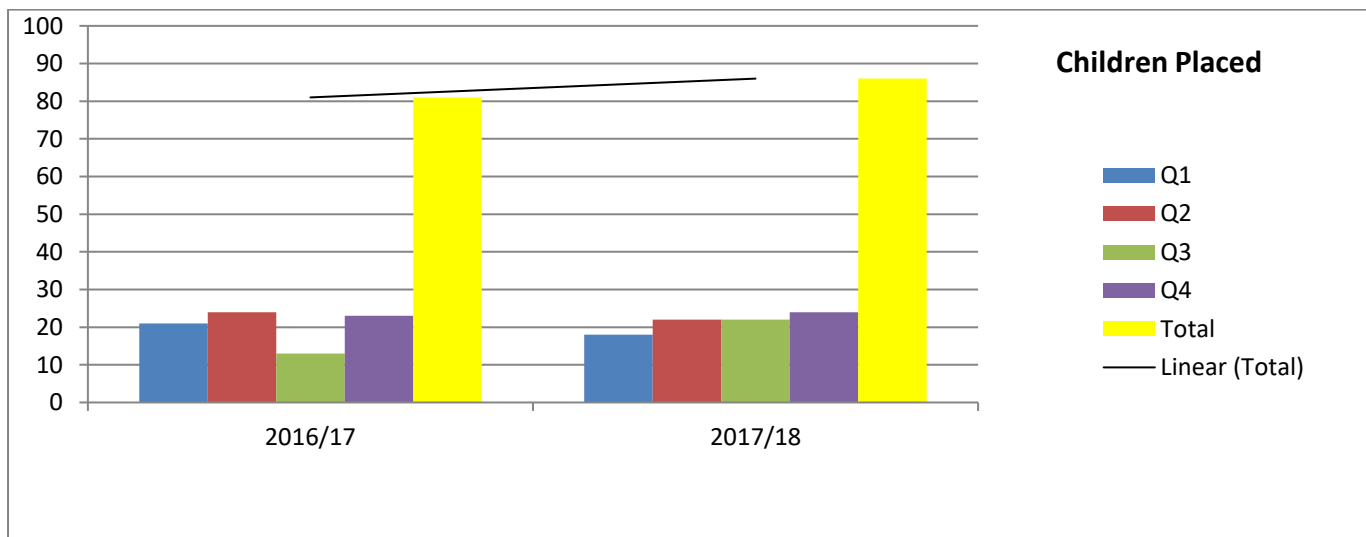
Number of children Placed for Adoption since April 2017



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

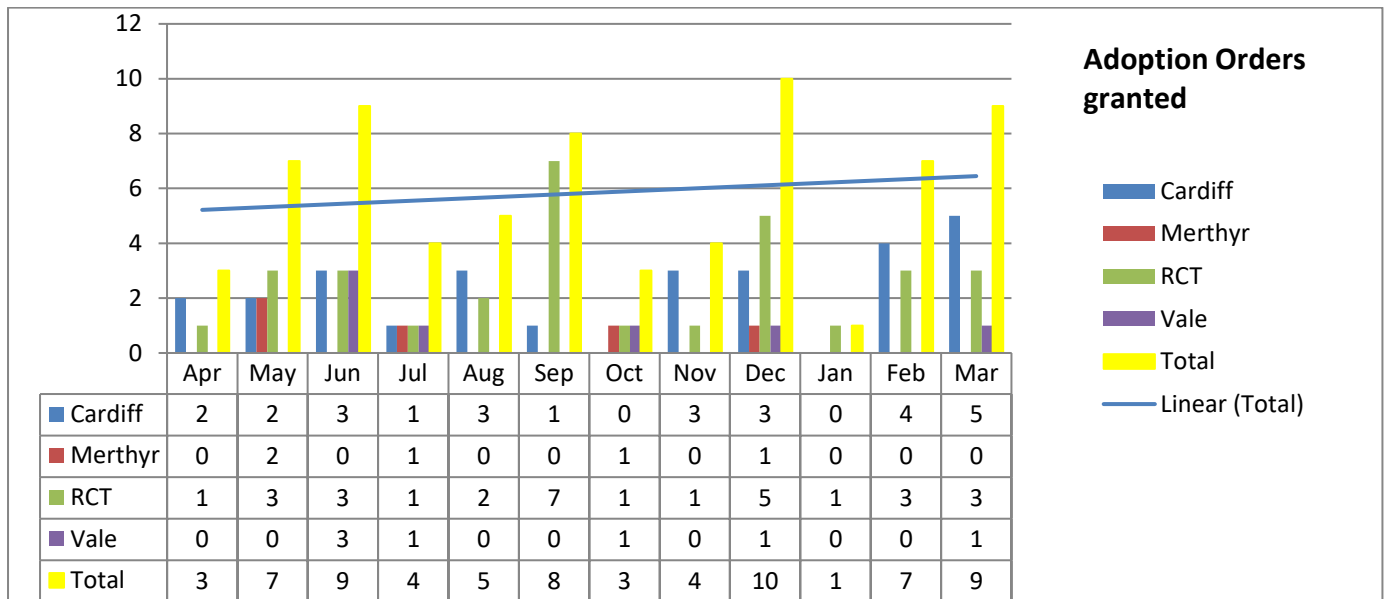
The number of children placed for adoption during the year has increased on the previous year which again is the highest in Wales.

Number of children Placed for Adoption – Comparative Data



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

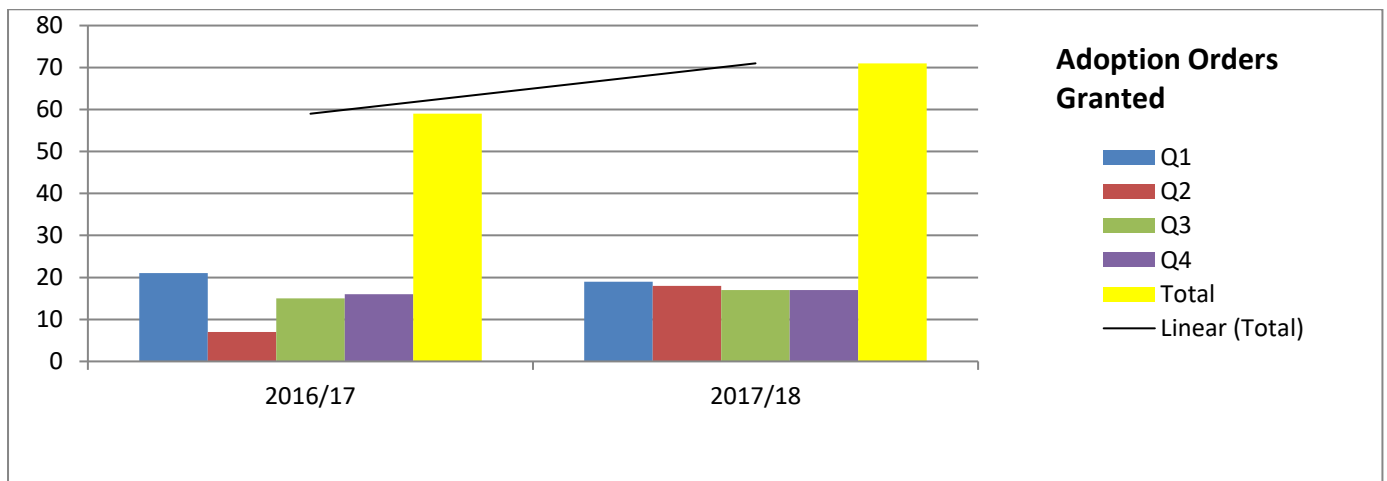
Number of Adoption Orders Granted since April 2017



2017/18	Cardiff	Merthyr	RCT	VOG	Total
Total	27	5	31	7	70

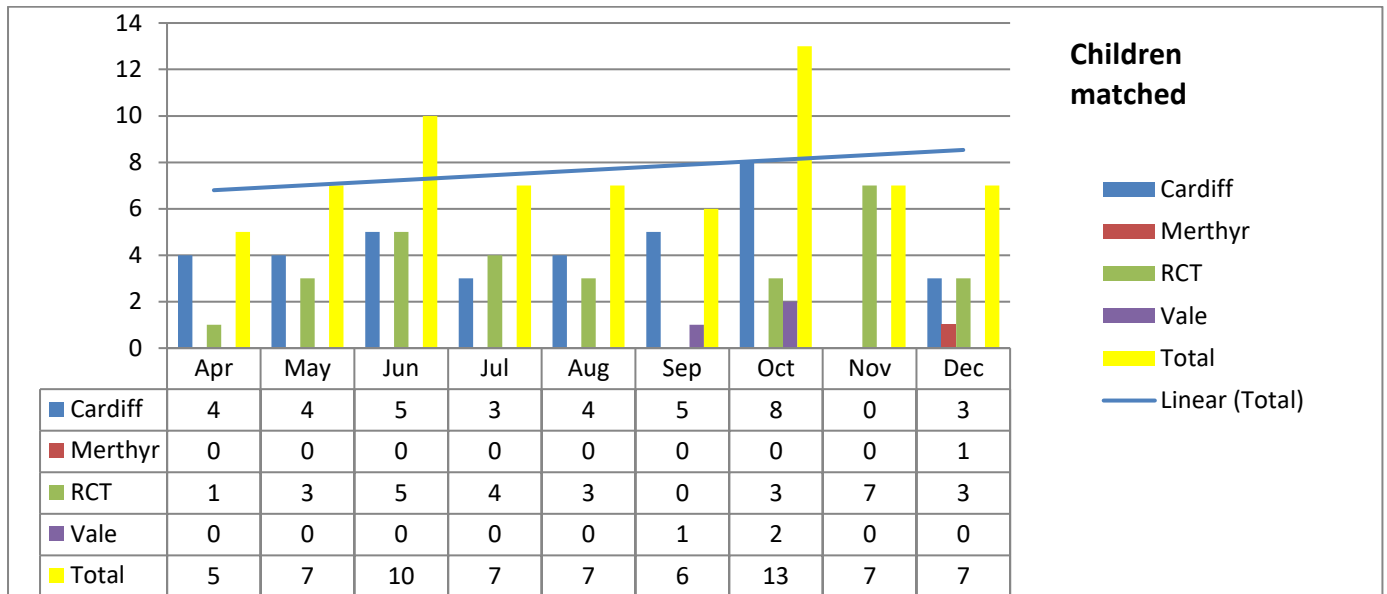
Adoption Orders are up on the previous year.

Number of Adoption Orders Granted – Comparative Data



Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	21	7	15	16	59
2017/18	19	18	17	17	70
Total	40	25	32	33	130

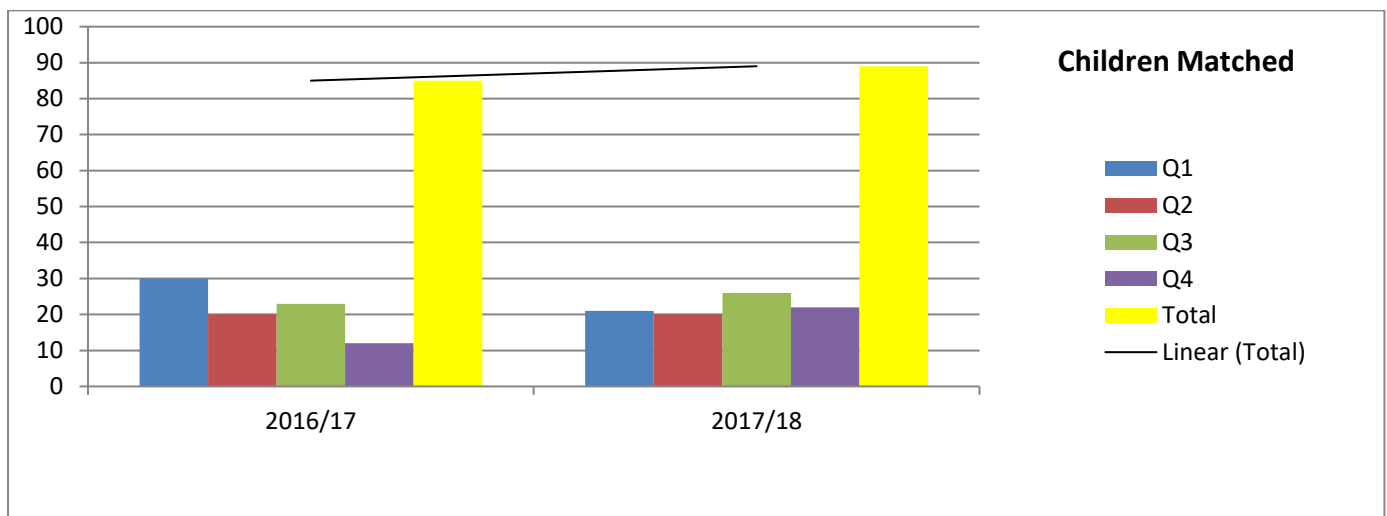
Number of children Matched (approved by Agency Decision Maker) since April 2017



2017/18	Cardiff	Merthyr	RCT	VOG	Total
Total	43	1	42	5	89

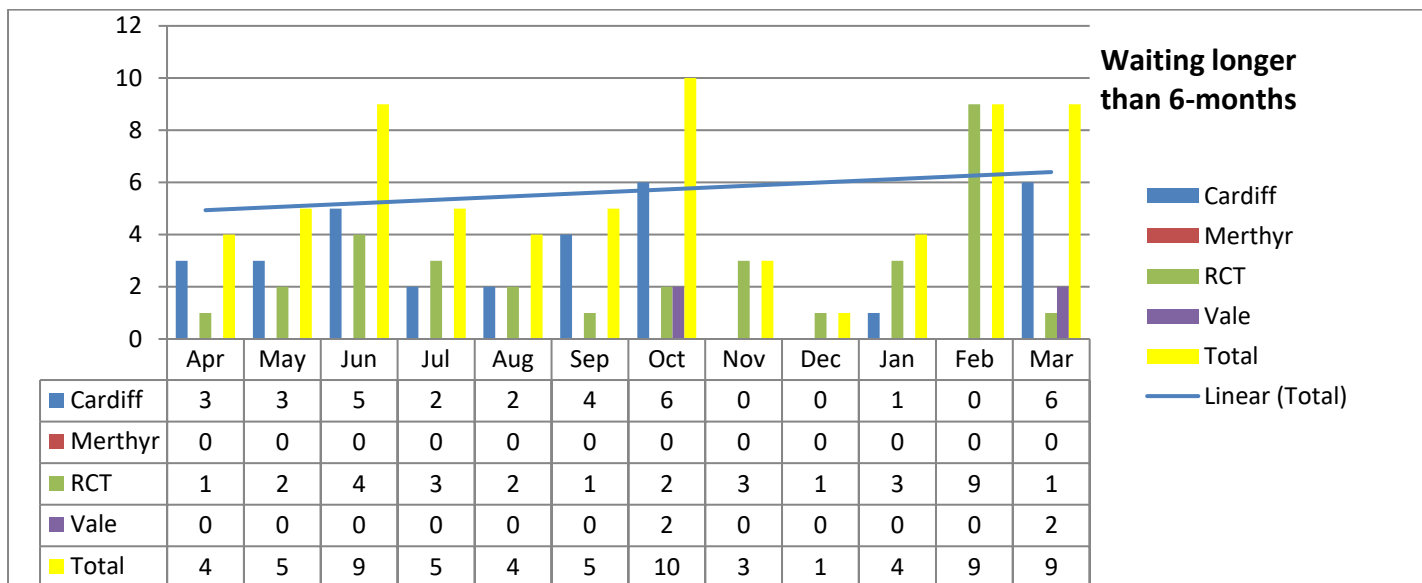
This figure represents those children who were matched but not placed at the end of the period.

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



Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	30	20	23	12	85
2017/18	21	20	26	22	89
Total	51	40	49	34	174

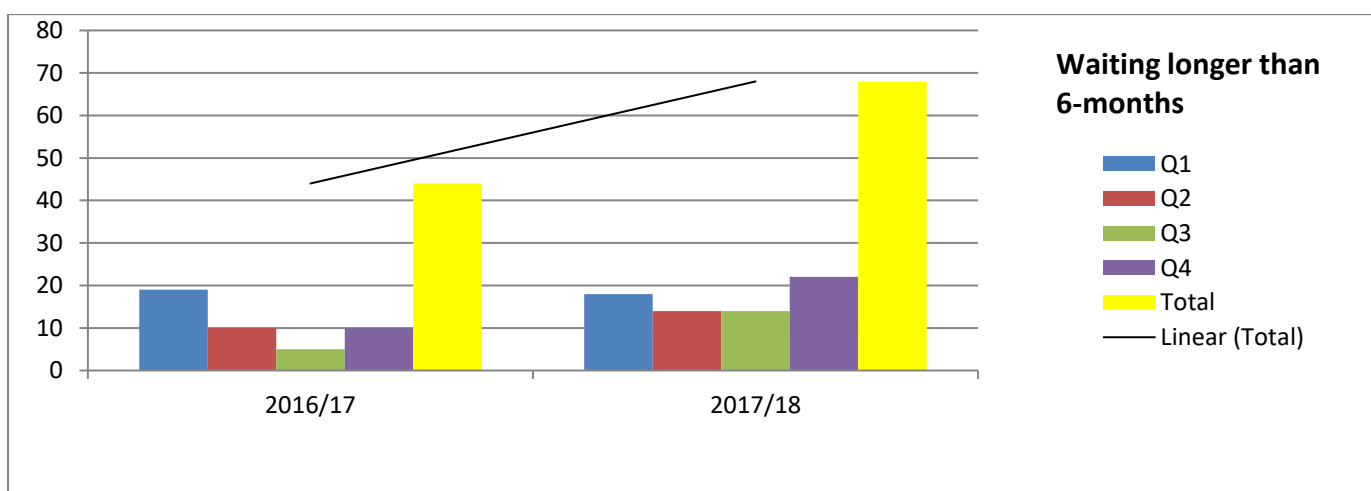
Number of children Matched in since April 2017 who have waited longer than 6 months (or 3 months for a relinquished child under 6 months of age) to progress from date of 'Should be Placed' for Adoption Decision to date of Agency Decision to approve Match



2017/18	Cardiff	Merthyr	RCT	VOG	Total
Total	32	0	32	4	68

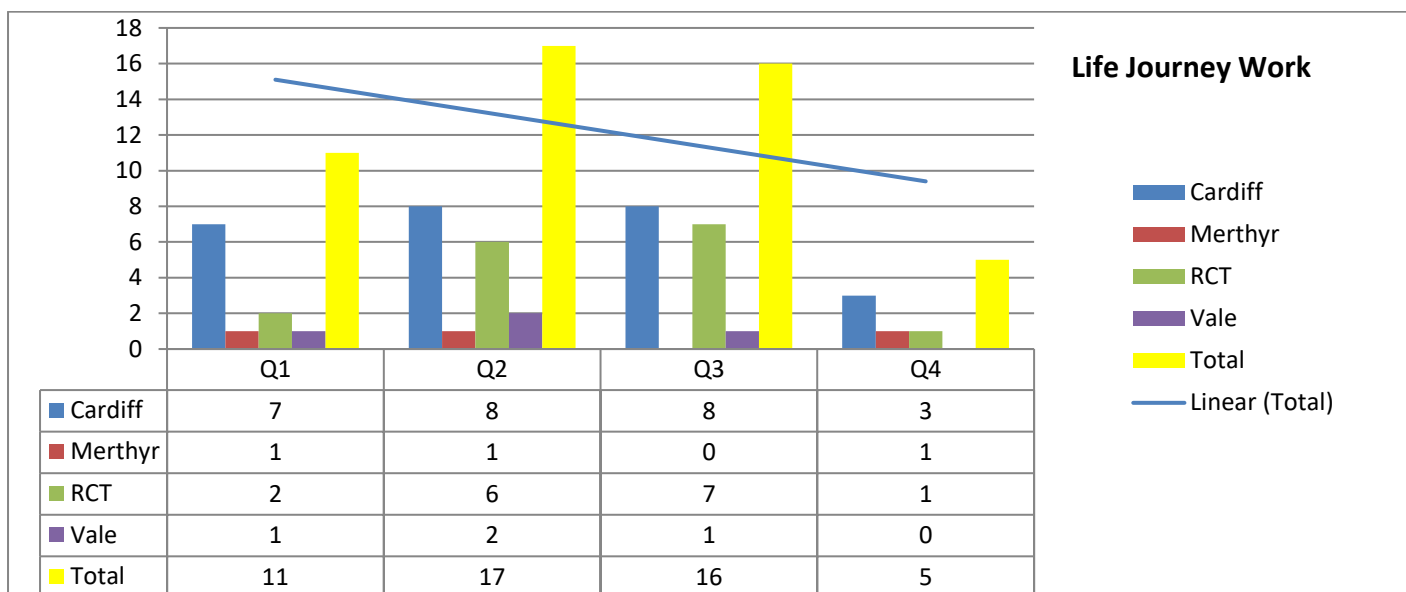
These graphs are an indicator of the increase in the numbers waiting longer than six months for placement.

Number of children Matched 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 – Comparative Data



Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	19	10	5	10	44
2017/18	16	16	14	22	68
Total	35	26	19	32	112

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



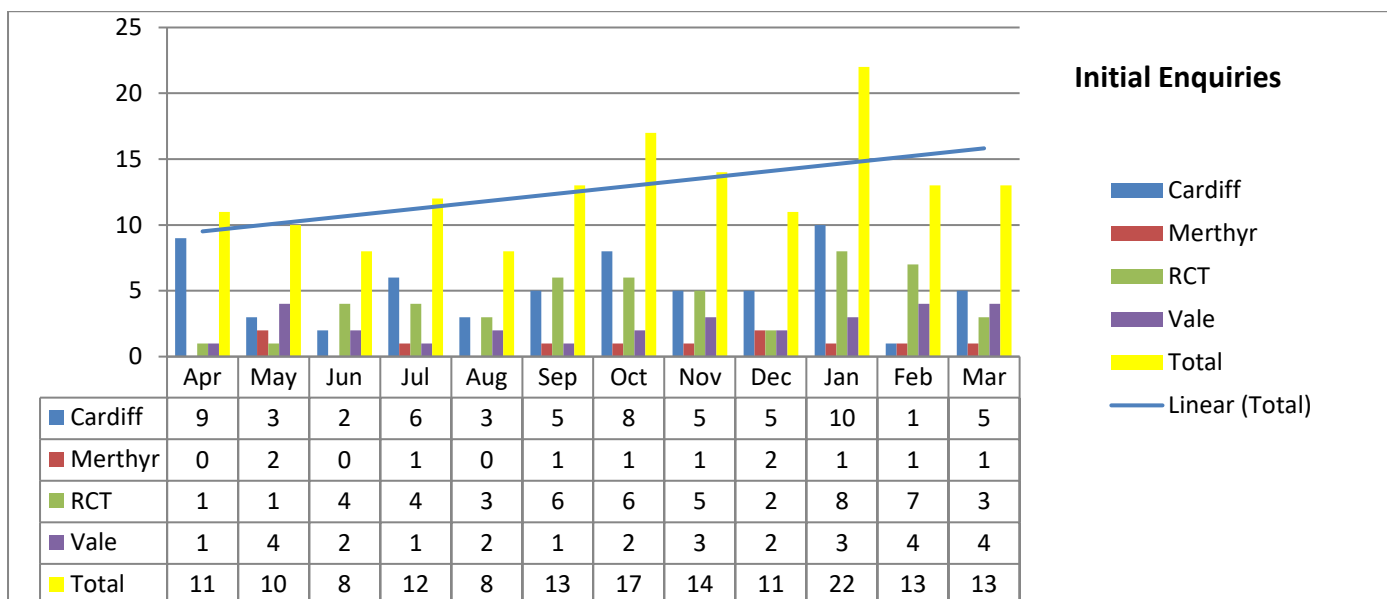
Totals 2017/18	Cardiff	Merthyr	RCT	VOG	Total
2 nd Adoption Review	44	2	23	3	72
Life Journey provided	26	3	21	4	49
					68%

* This % is representative of VVC’s figures broken down by local authority.

NAS figures show VVC’s overall quarterly performance as 73%, 89%, 84% and 46% with the average for 2017/18 at 67% compared to an average of 61% last year.

Whilst NAS indicates an improvement this % presents a worrying picture and this remains a key improvement priority for the region.

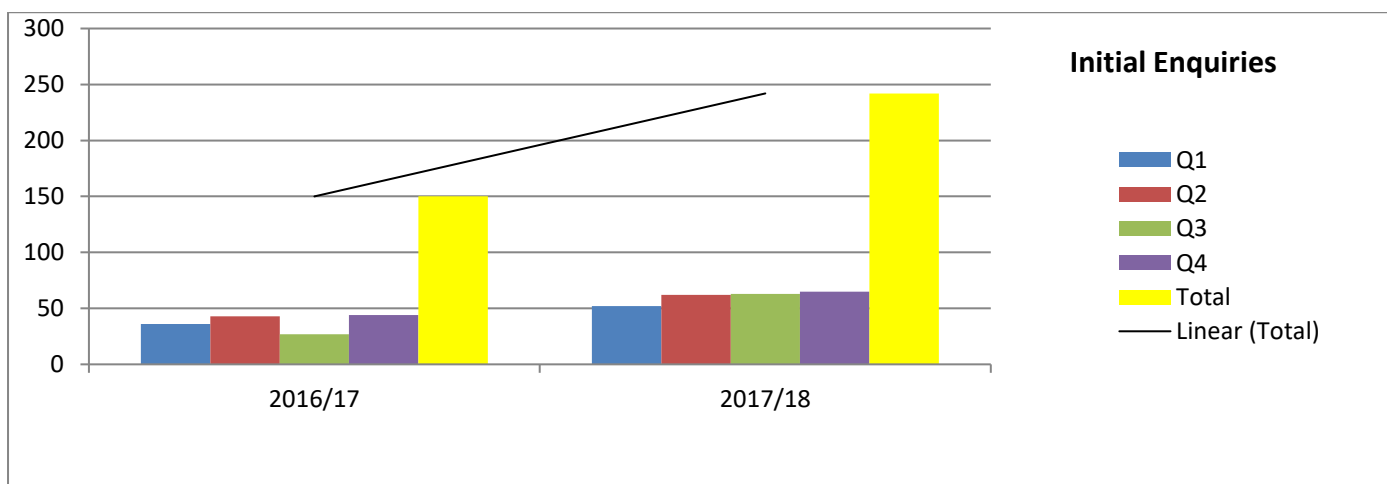
Number of Initial Enquiries regarding Adoption received since April 2017 - Total number of initial enquiries received = 242 of which 90 (37%) we are not able to allocate to a local authority as they were received by email. This is something we are continuing to address.



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.

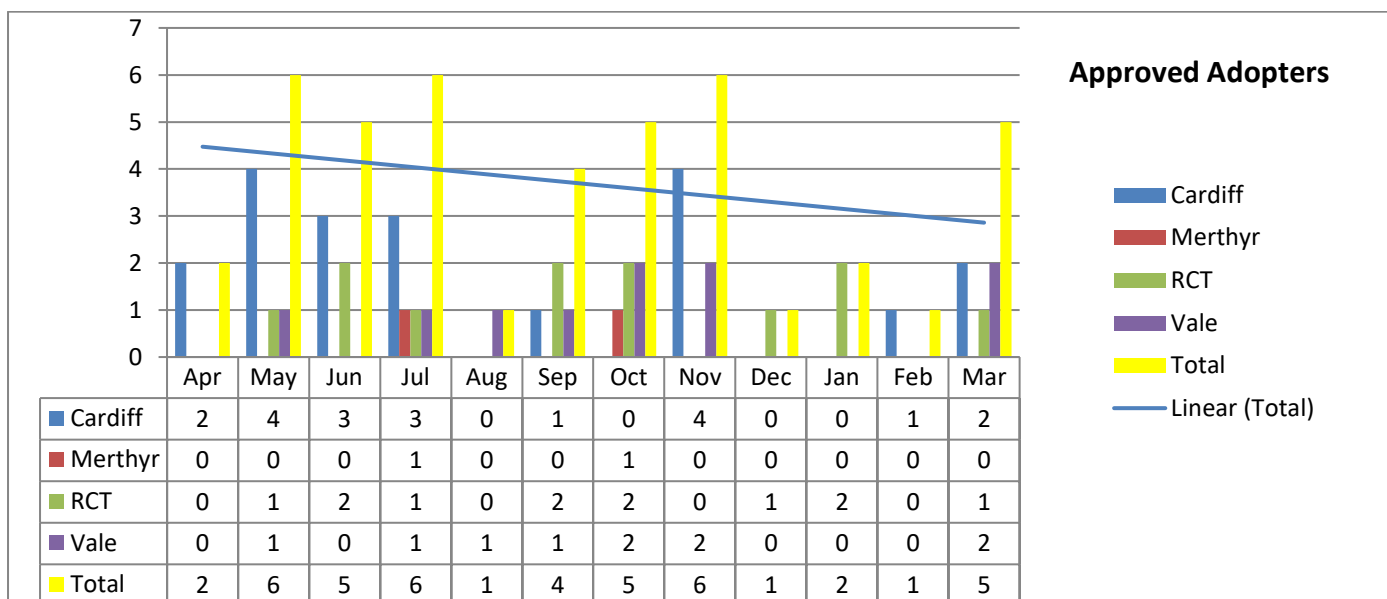
Number of Initial Enquiries regarding Adoption received – Comparative Data



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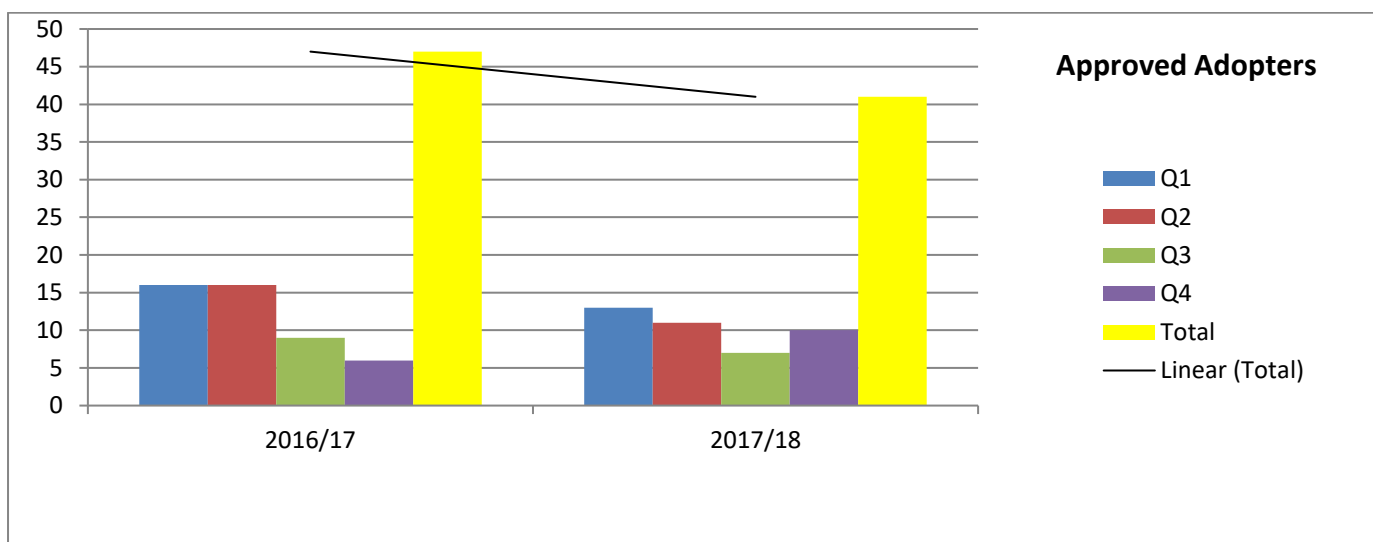
Number of Prospective Adopters receiving Agency Decision to approve as suitable to adopt since April 2017 – Note; there were 10 approvals in Q4, 2 of which were from outside VVC



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

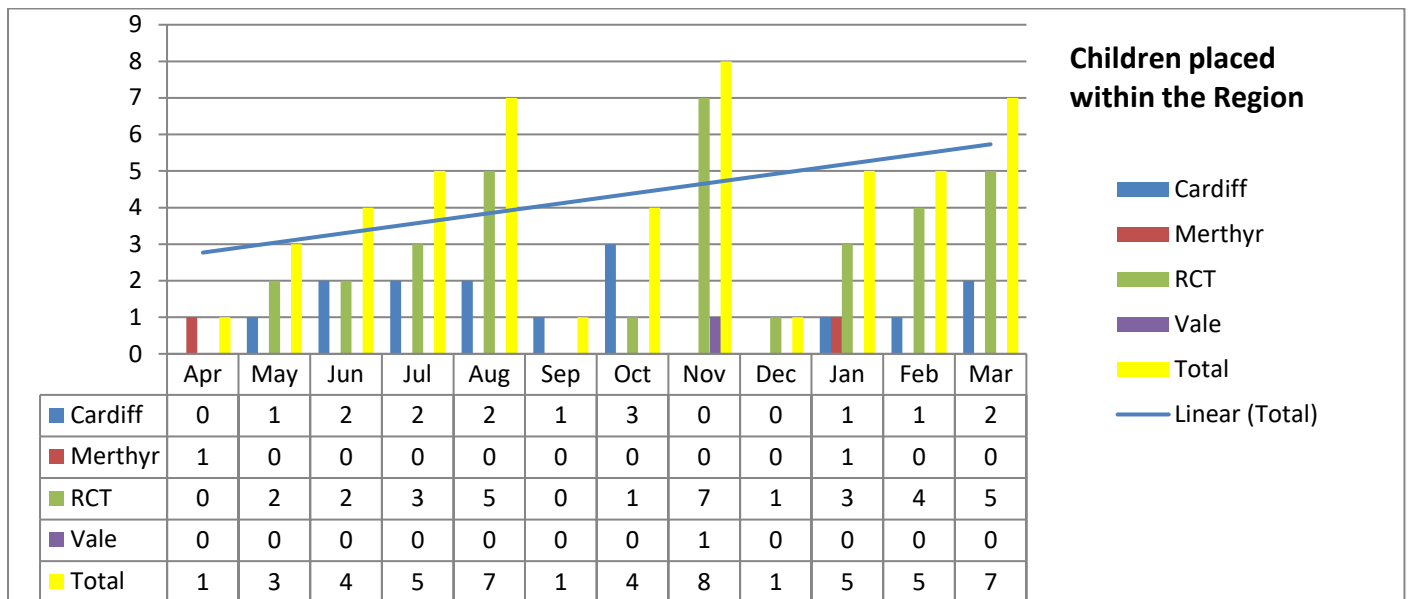
These figures demonstrate a slight decrease on the previous year. Unfortunately six couples withdrew during assessment and one post approval which has had an impact upon the region meeting its' goal.

Number of Prospective Adopters receiving Agency Decision to approve as suitable to adopt – Comparative Data

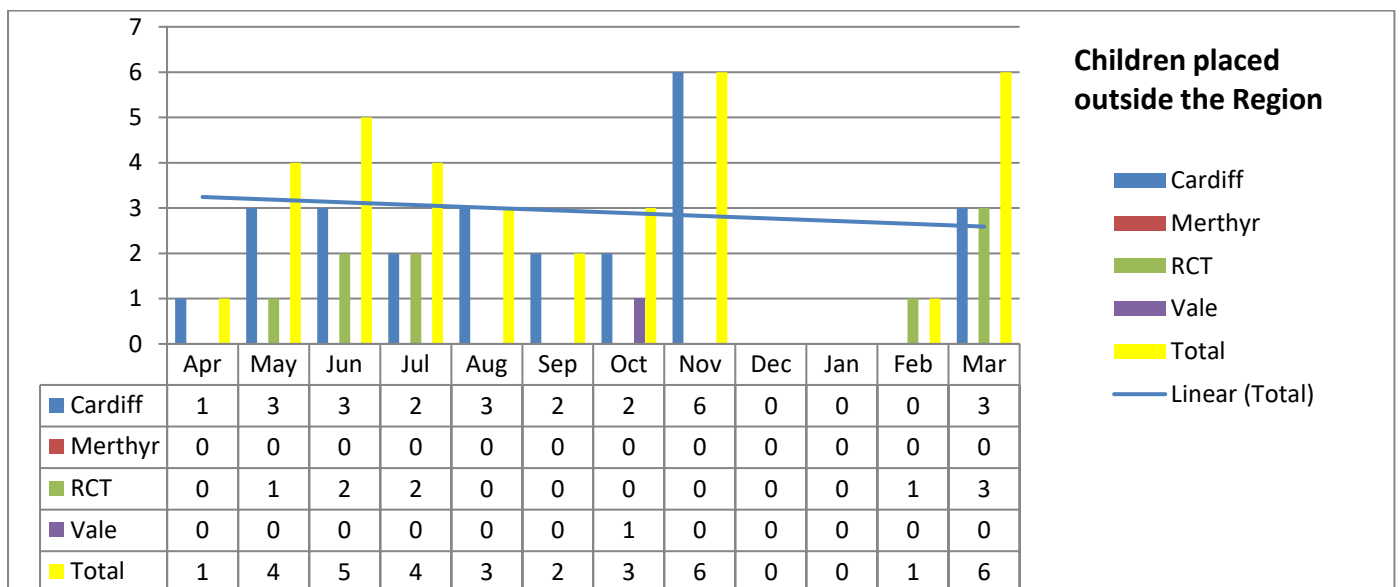


Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
2016/17	16	16	9	6	47
2017/18	13	11	12	10	46
Total	29	27	21	16	93

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