

# Adoption Annual Report April 2013- March 2014

## Panel/ADM Business Summary

This table summarises the volume of business under the three categories of adoption work

	Previous years			
	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
<b>Children's' Plans Agreed</b>	48	51*	43	56
<b>Adopters Approved</b>	28	21	17	22
<b>Children Matched</b>	47	30	34+	38

\* On 1/9/12 the regulations changed and children's plans no longer went to panel unless parents were in agreement with the adoption plan and there were no proceedings.

+ 1 child was matched but the intros disrupted so it did not proceed to placement

There has been a large increase in the number of adopters recruited this year.

There has been a very large increase in the number of matches.

## Quarterly Rates of Business to Panel/ADM

These tables indicate the spread of the work though the year  
2013-2014

	Apr 13- Jun 13	July 13- Sep 13	Oct 13- Dec 13	Jan 14- Mar 14	Totals
<b>Children's plans agreed</b>	14	14	8	12	48
<b>Adopters approved</b>	7	7	6	8	28
<b>Children Matched</b>	15	7	12	13	47
<b>No of main business items</b>	36	28	25	31	122

**Previous years for comparison  
2012-2013**

	<b>Apr 12- Jun 12</b>	<b>July 12- Sep 12</b>	<b>Oct 12- Dec 12</b>	<b>Jan 13- Mar 13</b>		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Children's plans agreed</b>	10	20	17	4		51
<b>Adopters approved</b>	5	3	8	5		21
<b>Children Matched</b>	3	6	8	13		30
<b>No of main business items</b>	18	29	33	22		102

**2011-2012**

	<b>Apr 11- Jun 11</b>	<b>July 11- Sep 11</b>	<b>Oct 11- Dec 11</b>	<b>Jan 12- Mar 12</b>		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Children's plans agreed</b>	15	9	11	8		43
<b>Adopters approved</b>	5	5	5	2		17
<b>Children Matched</b>	7	7	7	13+		34
<b>No of main business items</b>	27	21	23	23		94

*+ 1 child was matched but the intros disrupted so it did not proceed to placement*

**2010-2011**

	<b>Apr 10- Jun 10</b>	<b>July 10- Sep 10</b>	<b>Oct 10- Dec 10</b>	<b>Jan 11- Mar 11</b>		<b>Totals</b>
<b>Children's plans agreed</b>	16	17	16	7		56
<b>Adopters approved</b>	9	1	2	10		22
<b>Children Matched</b>	7	8	9	14		38
<b>No of main business items</b>	32	26	27	31		116

## Children's Adoption Information

### Gender

#### Adoption: Plans Approved

	Previous years for comparison			
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013*	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
<b>Boys</b>	<b>23</b>	20	22	33
<b>Girls</b>	<b>25</b>	31	21	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	51	43	56

*\* On 1/9/12 the regulations changed and children's plans no longer went to panel unless parents were in agreement with the adoption plan and there were no proceedings.*

#### Adoption: Matches Approved

	Previous years for comparison			
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
<b>Boys</b>	<b>23</b>	10	21	18
<b>Girls</b>	<b>24</b>	19	13	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	29	34	38

**There have been increases this year in both girl and boy matches with the greatest growth in matches for boys.**

### Age Group

#### Adoption: Plans Approved

	Previous years for comparison			
<b>Age when presented to panel/ADM</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011

<b>Under 2 years</b>		<b>28</b>		26	21	29
<b>2+ - 5<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>		<b>13</b>		15	18	20
<b>5+ - 8<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>		<b>7</b>		8	4	7
<b>8+ - 10<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>		<b>0</b>		1	0	0
<b>10+ -12<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>		<b>0</b>		0	0	0
<b>Over 12 years</b>		<b>0</b>		0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>48</b>		51	43	56

## Adoption: Matches Approved

Previous years for comparison

Age when match came to panel	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2013-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010-31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
<b>Under 2 years</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2+ - 5<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>5+ - 8<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7*</b>
<b>8+ - 10<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10+ - 12<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Over 12 years</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38*</b>

\*One did not proceed to placement

The increase in matches this year is in the under 2 years age group with over a third more children in this category being matched during 2013-2014.

## **Brother and Sister Groups**

### **Adoption: Plans Approved**

<b>Sibling placement plans</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013-31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012-31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011-31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010-31<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>Single children to be placed</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Group of two (No. of children)</b>	<b>6 (12)</b>	<b>3 (6)</b>	<b>7 (14)</b>	<b>15 (30)</b>
<b>Group of three (No. of children)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4 (12)</b>	<b>2 (6)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
<b>Group of four (No of children)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
<b>To join a brother or sister</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5 (5)</b>
<b>Total Number of Children to be placed with a brother or sister</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>

### **Adoption Matches Approved for Siblings**

<b>Numbers of Children matched with brother/sister</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013-31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012-31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011-31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>April 2010-March 2011</b>
<b>Groups of two (No. of children)</b>	<b>7 (14)</b>	<b>3 (6)</b>	<b>7 (14)</b>	<b>9 (18)</b>
<b>Groups of three (No. of Children)</b>	<b>1 (3)</b>	<b>1 (3)</b>	<b>1 (3)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
<b>Groups of four or more</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>	<b>0 (0)</b>
<b>Matched to join a brother/sister</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>

## Children's Ethnicity

### Adoption: Plans Approved

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>White English</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Iraqi/- White English</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Iranian-White English</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Chinese</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>African/ Pakistani</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White- Polish</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White /Asian</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>White/ Afghani</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>White/ Afro- Caribbean</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>56</b>

The number of ethnic minority children who have adoption plans is very small. The information over time does not show any pattern

### Adoption: Matches Approved

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>White English</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Iraqi/- White English</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Iranian-White English</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>African/Pakistani</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White- Polish</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White- White/Afro Caribbean</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White/ Afghani</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>White/Asian</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Number of Children</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>

**This table indicates that all most all matches are in respect of white English children. The children placed from a minority ethnic background this year were placed in a white English family with Polish friends and living in an area with a polish community**



## Approved Adoptive Family Statistics

### Adopters Approved / Marital Status

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>Married Couple</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	20
<b>Same sex couple</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Unmarried male/ female couple</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	1
<b>Single Adopter</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	1
<b>Total Number of Adopters</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	22

**Adopters are still much more likely to be married couples than any other group. There is a small increase in same sex adopters**

## Adopters Approved / Ethnicity

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2013	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011
White English	27	21	16	20
Asian	0	0	0	0
White/Asian	0	0	1	0
African/White or Afro Caribbean/ White	0	0	0	1
White/ White/Yemeni	0	0	0	1
White English/ White European	1	0	0	0
Total	28	21	17	22

**The adopters recruited are almost all white English in origin. As this reflects the current need for children to be placed, no change in recruitment action is currently needed. Families from different ethnic origins are however welcomed when they approach the agency, particularly if they live in Sunderland, as they may be able to meet the needs of children regionally or nationally.**

### Adopters Approved/Type of Approvals

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2013- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2012- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2011- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2010- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011</b>
<b>New</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent application</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Foster carers for child in placement</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Relative/ friend</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Adopters approved for a brother or sister of their adopted child</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>2**</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Overseas Application</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Number of Adopters</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>

*\*This child was from another local authority, \*\* one child from Sunderland and one from another local authority*

**There has been an increase in the number of adopters approved in the current year.**

