



Corporate Parenting Board

Mid-Year 2021/22 Performance Update

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Section 1 Introduction

This report provides a Quarter 2 2021/22 update on our performance against each of the six key measures we use to monitor our corporate parenting performance. Those measures are listed below:

- Rate of children who started to be children in our care per 10,000 children
- Children in our care rate per 10,000 children
- Rate of children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 children
- Percentage of children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted
- Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted
- Average time between a Local Authority receiving Court Authority to place a child and the Local Authority deciding on a match to an adoptive family

Section 2 Summary

Regarding the movement of children into and out of care, we had fewer children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care than in 2020/21 and 2019/20 as well as in comparison with the North East overall. We also had fewer children in our care per 10,000 than in 2020/21 and 2019/20 but slightly more than across the North East. We also had more children ceasing to be children care per 10,000 than in 2020/21 and 2019/20 but fewer than regionally.

Regarding adoption as the means by which children cease to be our children in case, we had fewer children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted since year end 2019/20. In comparison, across the North East overall, a more positive trend is emerging and our performance is currently below the region's overall in this respect. The time we took in days for children entering care and moving in with their adoptive family was at its lowest since 2019/20 and we now perform better than the North East overall in this respect. Finally, the time we took in days between receiving court authority to place a child and deciding on a match to an adoptive family was at its highest since year end 2019/20. A very similar trend is emerging across the North East however, comparatively speaking, we perform better than the North East overall in this respect.

Section 3 Detail

We use six key measures to monitor our corporate parenting performance. A detailed update on our performance against those versus performance against them across the North East overall at end Q2 2021/22 and in comparison with 2020/21 and 2019/20 is provided below.

Children Starting to be Children in Our Care per 10,000 Children

Table 1

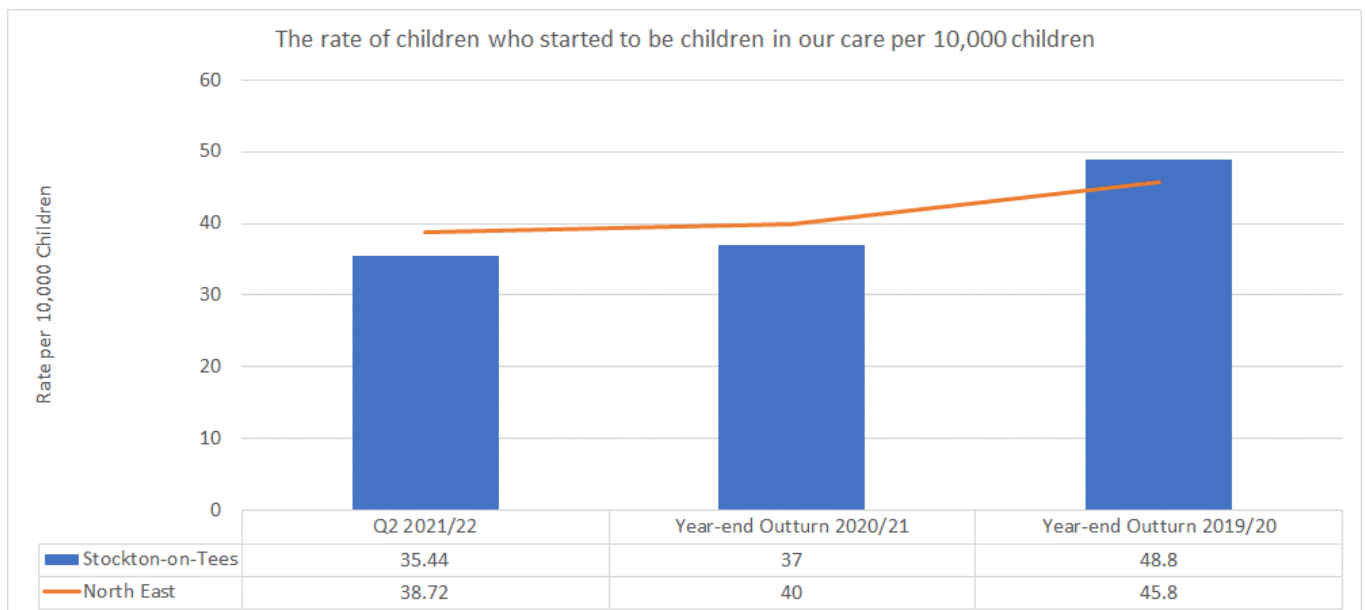


Table 1 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, positively, we had fewer children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care (35.44) than at year end 2020/21 (37) and substantially fewer than at year end 2019/20 (48.8). A similar trend can be seen for the North East overall. Comparatively speaking, positively, we had fewer children per 10,000 starting to be children in our care than across the North East at Q2 2021/22 and year end 2020/21.

Children in Our Care per 10,000 Children

Table 2

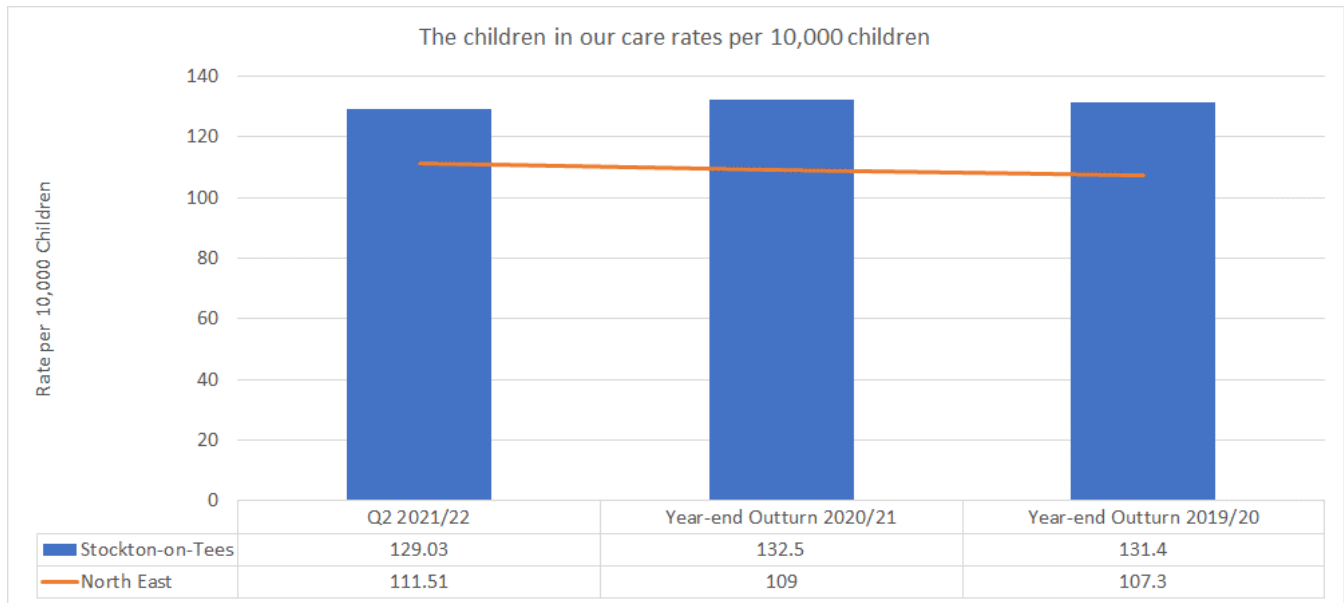


Table 2 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, positively, we had fewer children in our care per 10,000 (129.03) than at year end 2020/21 (132.5) and also year end 2019/20 (131.4). In contrast, across the North East overall, there was more children per 10,000 in care at Q2 2021/22 than year end 2020/21 and year end 2019/20. Comparatively speaking, at Q2 2020/21, we had more children per 10,000 in our care than across the North East overall.

Children Ceasing to be Children in Our Care per 10,000 Children

Table 3

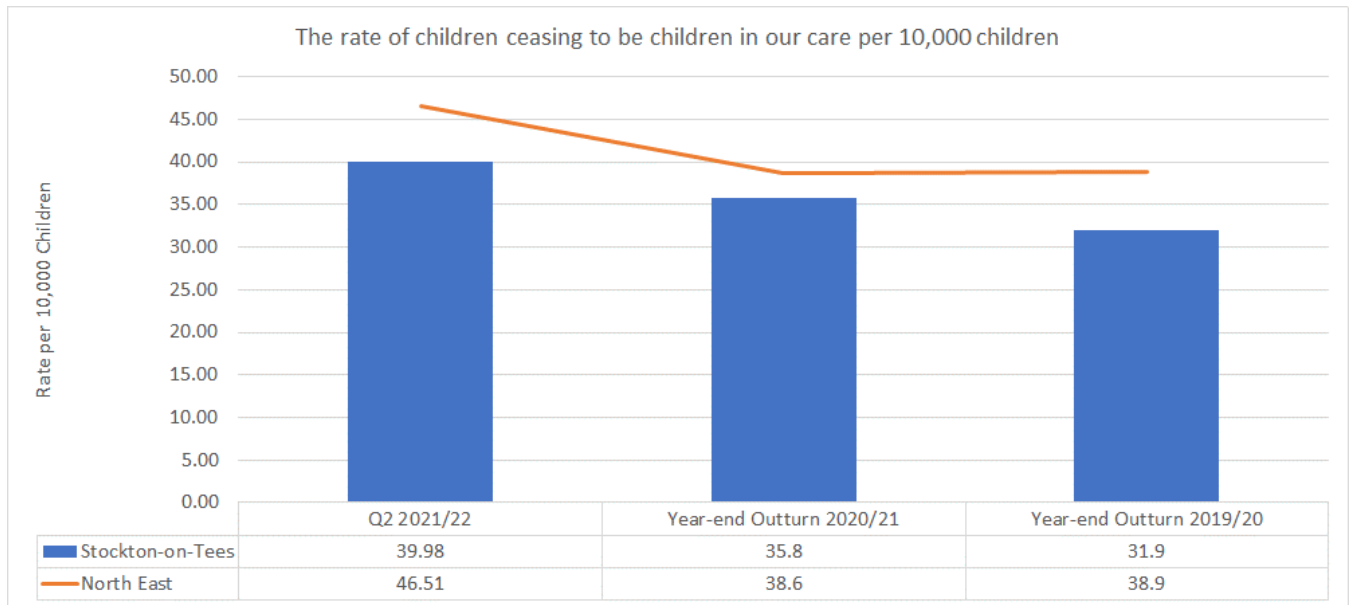


Table 3 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, positively, we had more children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 (39.8) than at year end 2020/21 (35.8) and year end 2019/20 (31.9). Across the North East overall, a similar pattern is emerging. Comparatively speaking, at Q2 2020/21, we had fewer children ceasing to be children in our care per 10,000 than across the North East overall.

Children Ceasing to be Children in Our Care who were Adopted

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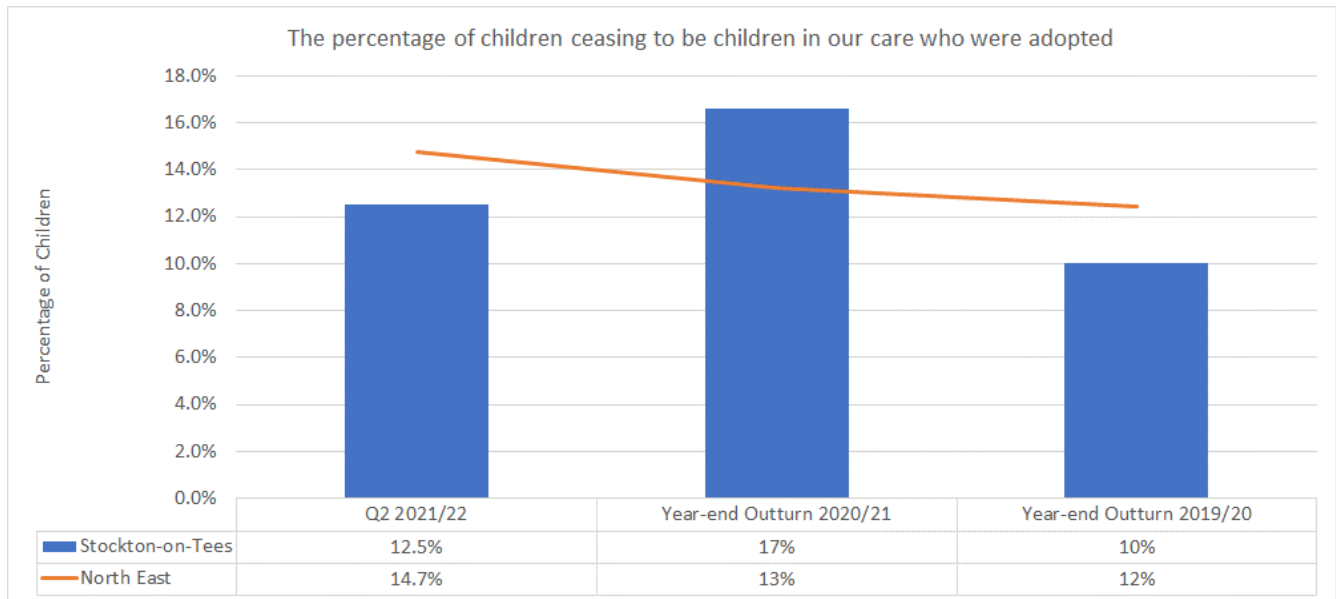


Table 4 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, we had fewer children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted (12.5%) than at year end 2020/21 (17%) but more than at year end 2019/20 (10%). Across the North East overall, a more positive trend is emerging. Comparatively speaking, at Q2 2020/21, we had fewer children ceasing to be children in our care who were adopted than across the North East overall.

Average Time in Days for Children Entering Care and Moving in with their Adoptive Family for Children who have been Adopted

Table 5

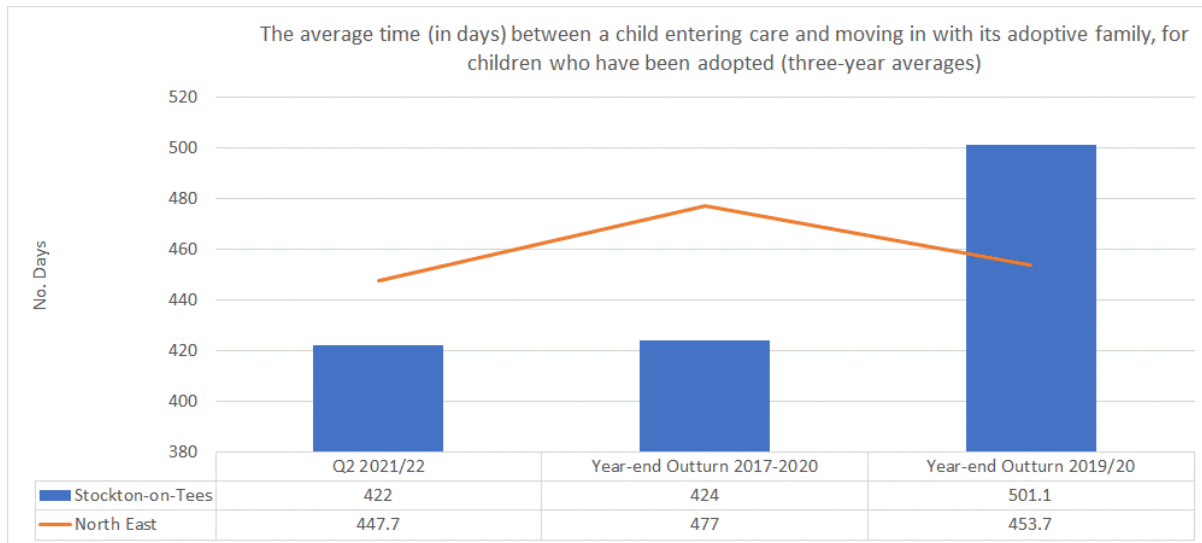


Table 5 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, positively, the time we took in days for children entering care and moving in with its adoptive family was lower (422) than at year end 2020/21 (424) and, very positively, substantially lower than at year end 2019/20 (501.1). Across the North East overall, a slightly different trend has emerged. Comparatively speaking, at Q2 2020/21, positively, we took fewer days for this than across the North East overall.

Average Time in Days between a Local Authority Receiving Court Authority to Place a Child and the Local Authority Deciding on a Match to an Adoptive Family

Table 6

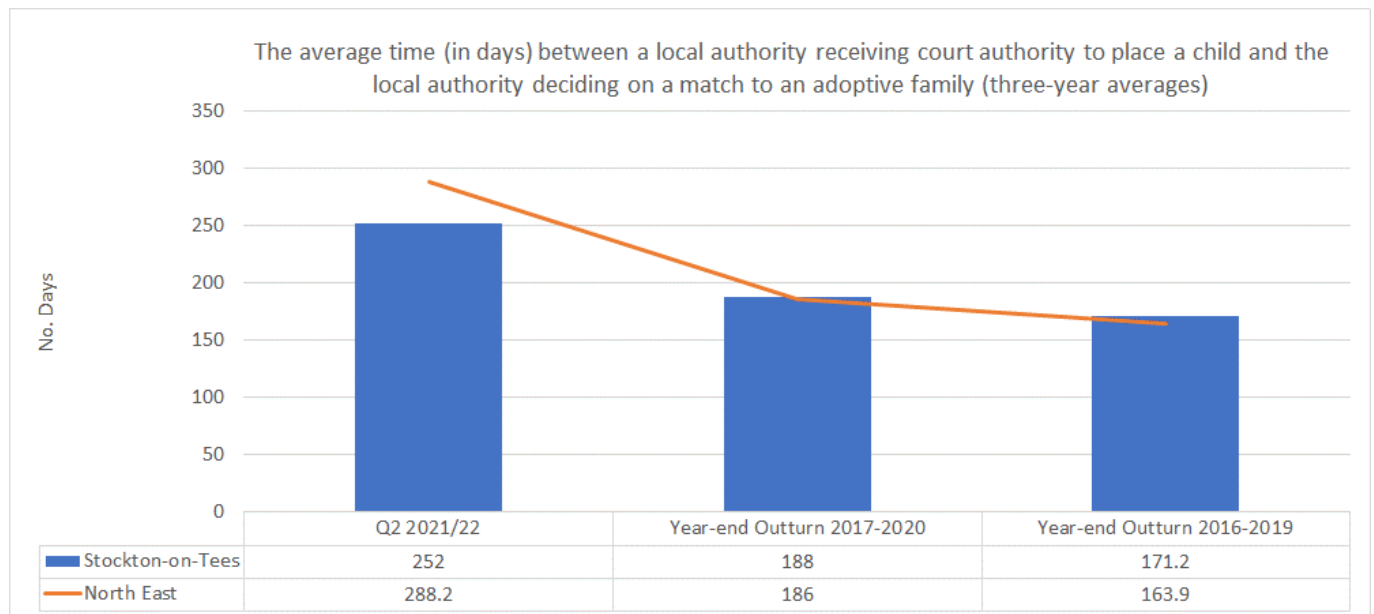


Table 6 above shows that at end Q2 2021/22, the time we took in days between receiving court authority to place a child and our deciding on a match to an adoptive family was higher (252) than at year end 2020/21 (188) and higher also than at year end 2019/20 (171.2). Across the North East overall, a very similar trend has emerged. Comparatively speaking, at Q2 2020/21, positively, we took fewer days for this than across the North East overall.

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