

Annex 2

Annual Adoption Panel Report for Bracknell Forest Council 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

The Adoption panel gives quality assurance feedback on every case presented and this is sent to the Agency Decision Maker for comment and for sharing with individual workers and their managers as appropriate. The format of this feedback and how it would be reported was decided in 2007 by the Agency Decision Makers in the six consortium agencies, the panel adviser and the panel chair. Comments on the feedback from the Agency Decision Maker are subsequently shared with the panel.

Presentations to Adoption Panel from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

Children	Adopters	Matches	Updates	Change of Plan
14	4	5	1	0

Generally the quality of work presented to the adoption panel is of a high standard. Across the consortium issues that arise are usually detected prior to panel by the panel adviser or the panel chair and in most agencies these relate to checking that statutory requirements in relation to the papers presented have been considered.

During the past year one children's case was deferred as there had been no LAC review and one children's case was heard twice due to an additional report which had not been shared with the panel during the first hearing of the case, meaning that panel time was needed for 16 children's cases. In relation to reports on children, one was deemed satisfactory, two were excellent, the rest were considered to be good and the presentations were good with six considered to be excellent. The reports are evidence that there is a thorough, rigorous, consistent and fair approach to the assessment of whether a child should be placed for adoption, the suitability of prospective adopters and proposed placements.

For reports on prospective adopters two reports were considered excellent, two were good and in relation to the presentations, two were considered to be good and two excellent.

In relation to reports on matches of children one was considered to be excellent, the others were good and the presentations were good with two being considered excellent.

The requirements of the Restrictions on the Preparation of Adoption Reports Regulations 2005 were met in all cases.

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Summary of Placements made 01/04/2011 to 31/03/2012

		Adopters							
Children		Brack-nell	RBWM	Reading	Slough	West Berks	Woking-ham	Vol	Other LA
	Bracknell	1				2		2	
	RBWM		4						
	Reading	2	1	4	1			4	3
	Slough			1	1	4	1	3	1
	West Berks		1	2	1	1			1
	Wokingham						1	1	1
	TOTALS	3	6	7	3	7	2	10	6

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