

# Adoption and Special Guardianship Leadership Board

## Top 100 Children with the Longest Journeys from Entry into Care to Adoption

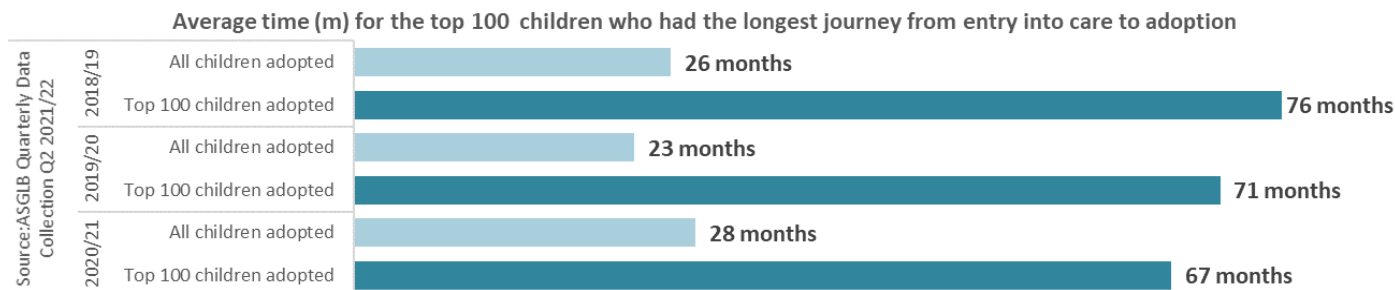
### SUMMARY

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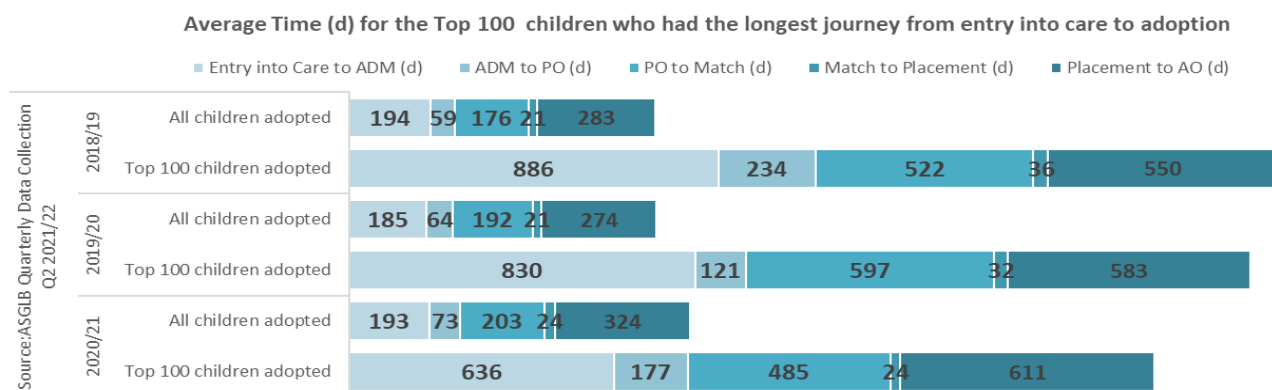
## CHILDREN WHO HAD THE LONGEST JOURNEYS FROM ENTRY INTO CARE TO ADOPTION ORDER

### TIMELINESS

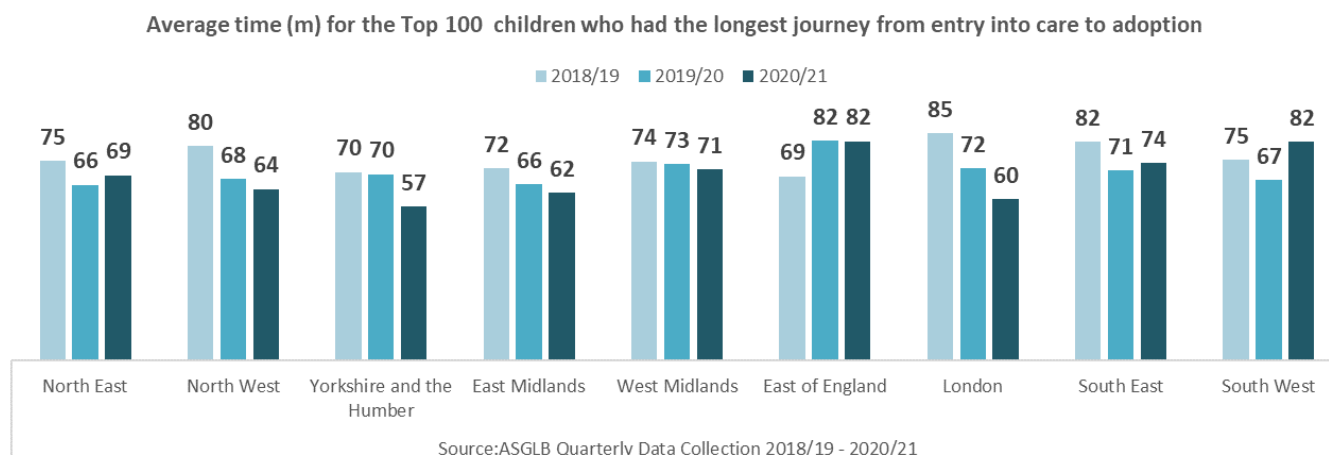
In 2020/21, the top 100 children who had the longest journeys from entry into care to adoption (*now known as the top 100 children adopted*) took on average **67 months (six years)**; **39 months (3 years)** longer than the average for all children with an adoption order in 2020/21.



The top 100 children adopted took longer at each stage when compared to the average for all children adopted, in particular from entry into care to ADM, match to placement and placement to AO.



The chart below shows the distribution of the top 100 children adopted by region for the last three years, together with what percentage of all adoptions these accounted for.



NB: Timeliness figures for the Top 100 children with the longest journeys include both standard and foster care adoptions

## STANDARD AND FOSTER CARE ADOPTIONS

When compared to standard adoptions in the top 100 children adopted, foster care adoptions in the top 100 children adopted on average took longer.

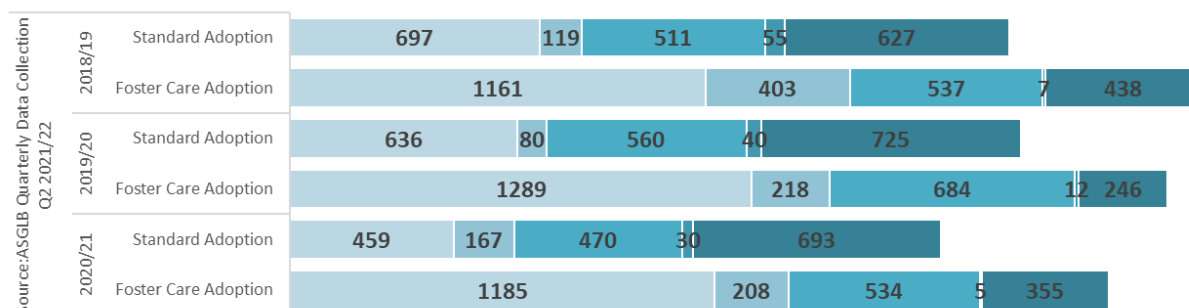
Average Time (m) for the Top 100 children who had the longest journey from entry into care to adoption for standard and foster care adoptions



When broken down by stage and compared to standard adoptions in the top 100 children adopted, foster care adoptions in the top 100 children adopted took longer from entry into care to ADM, ADM to PO, PO to match and less time from match to place (as the child would already be living with their carer) and placement to adoption order.

Average time (d) for the Top 100 children who had the longest journey from entry into care to adoption

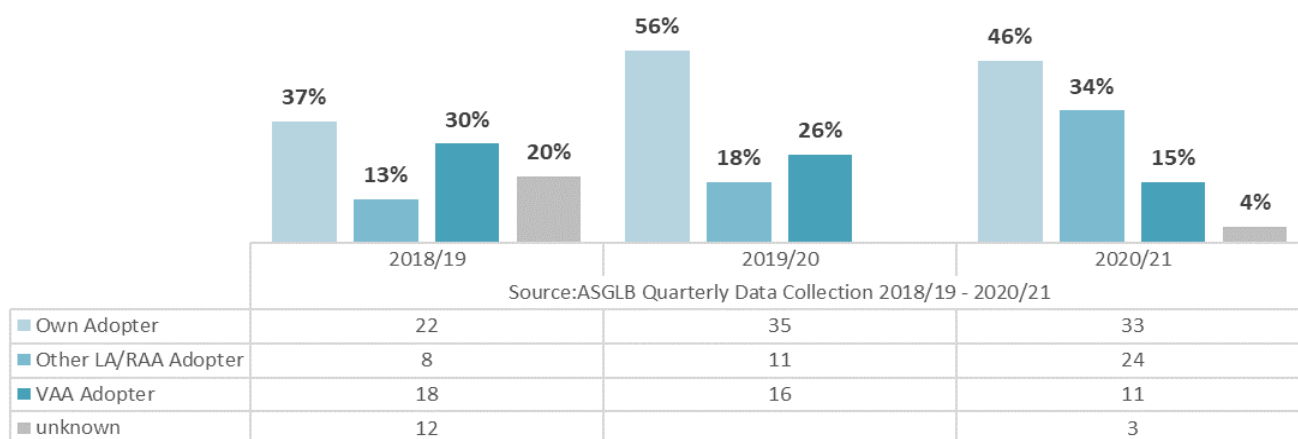
■ Entry into Care to ADM (d) ■ ADM to PO (d) ■ PO to Match (d) ■ Match to Placement (d) ■ Placement to AO (d)



## PLACEMENT PROVIDERS

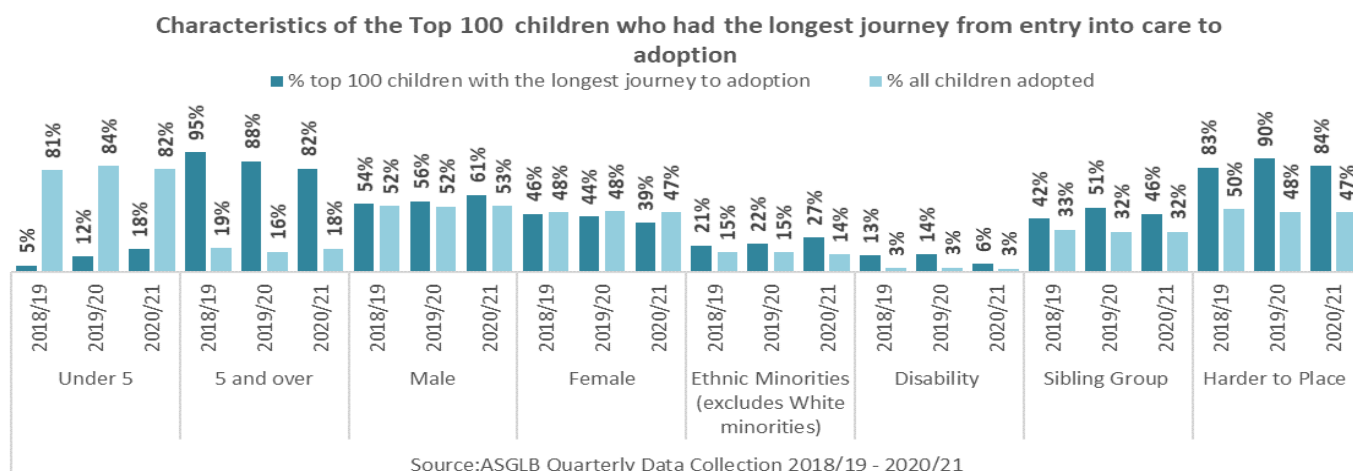
The chart below shows the breakdown of the adopter placement providers for the standard adoptions (figures exclude adoptions by former foster carers) in the top 100 children adopted cohorts.

Placement Providers for Standard Adoptions



## CHILDRENS CHARACTERISTICS

The chart below shows the breakdown of the characteristics of the top 100 children adopted cohorts, and the percentage of children by characteristic compared to the England averages for all children adopted.



When compared to the England averages children aged 5 and over, male, from an Ethnic Minority (excludes White minorities) background, with a disability and part of a sibling group are over represented in the top 100 children cohorts