

Appendix
(section 5)

Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee: 6 July 2015 Adoption and Fostering Performance Data

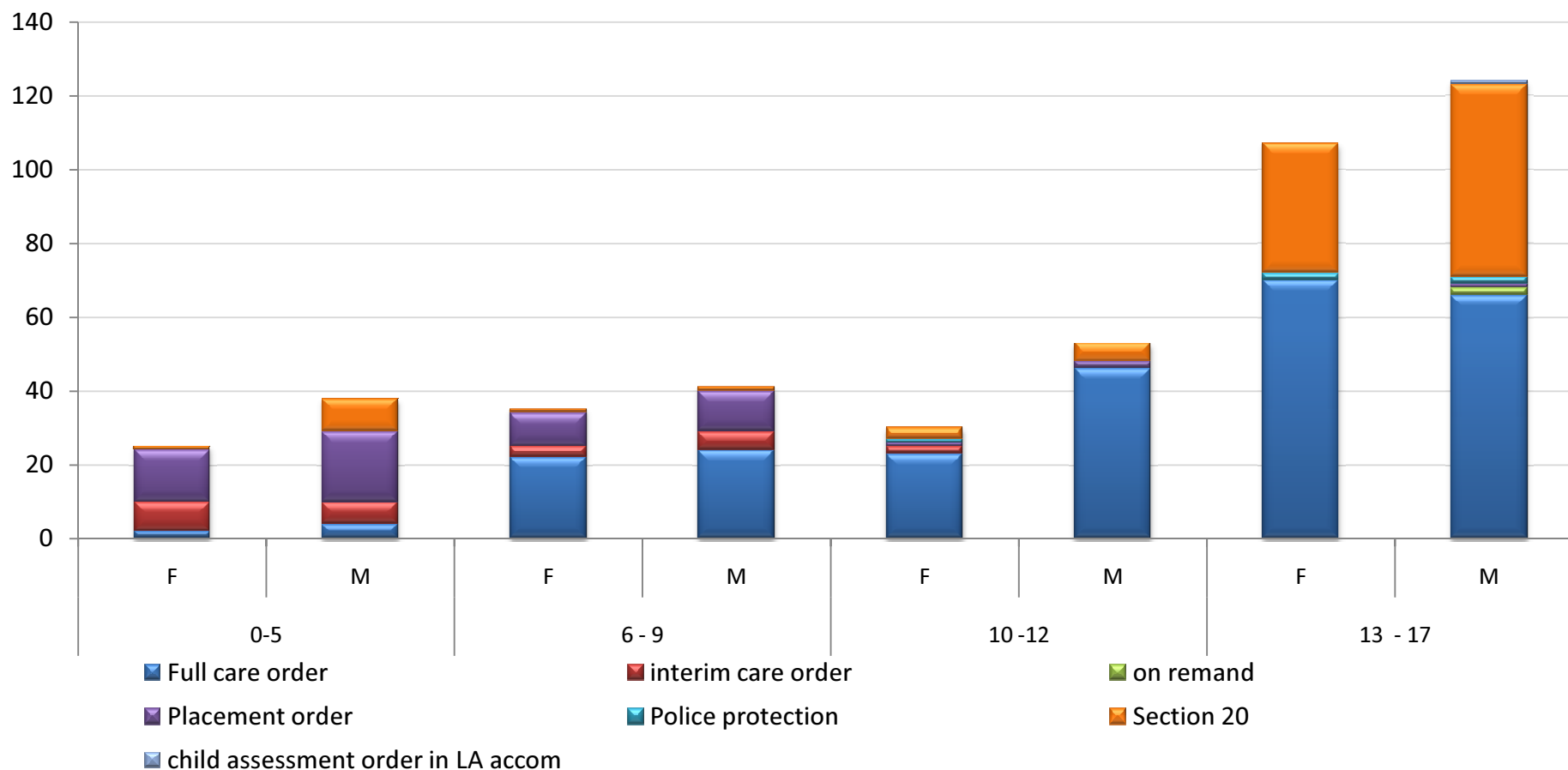
Introduction



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- This slide pack sets out the key data in relation to children becoming looked after, and our performance on fostering and adoption in Haringey.
 - The data is intended to:
 - illustrate the context in Haringey and our performance
 - initiate an open debate about strengths and areas for focus
 - There are three broad sections :
 1. Haringey's looked after children and entrants to care
 2. Placements
 3. Leaving care and adoption

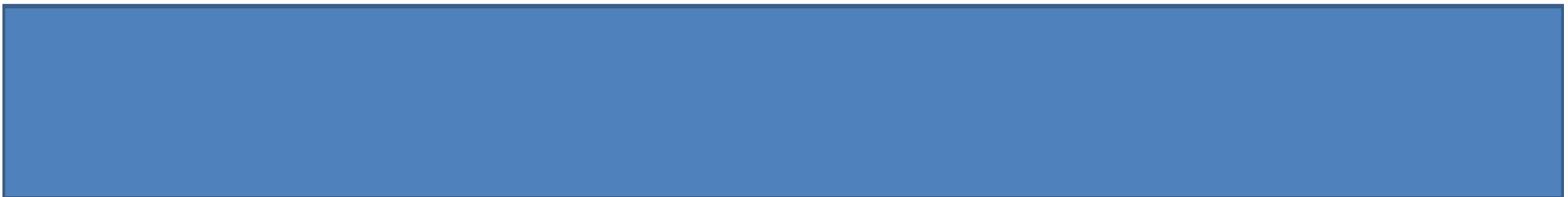
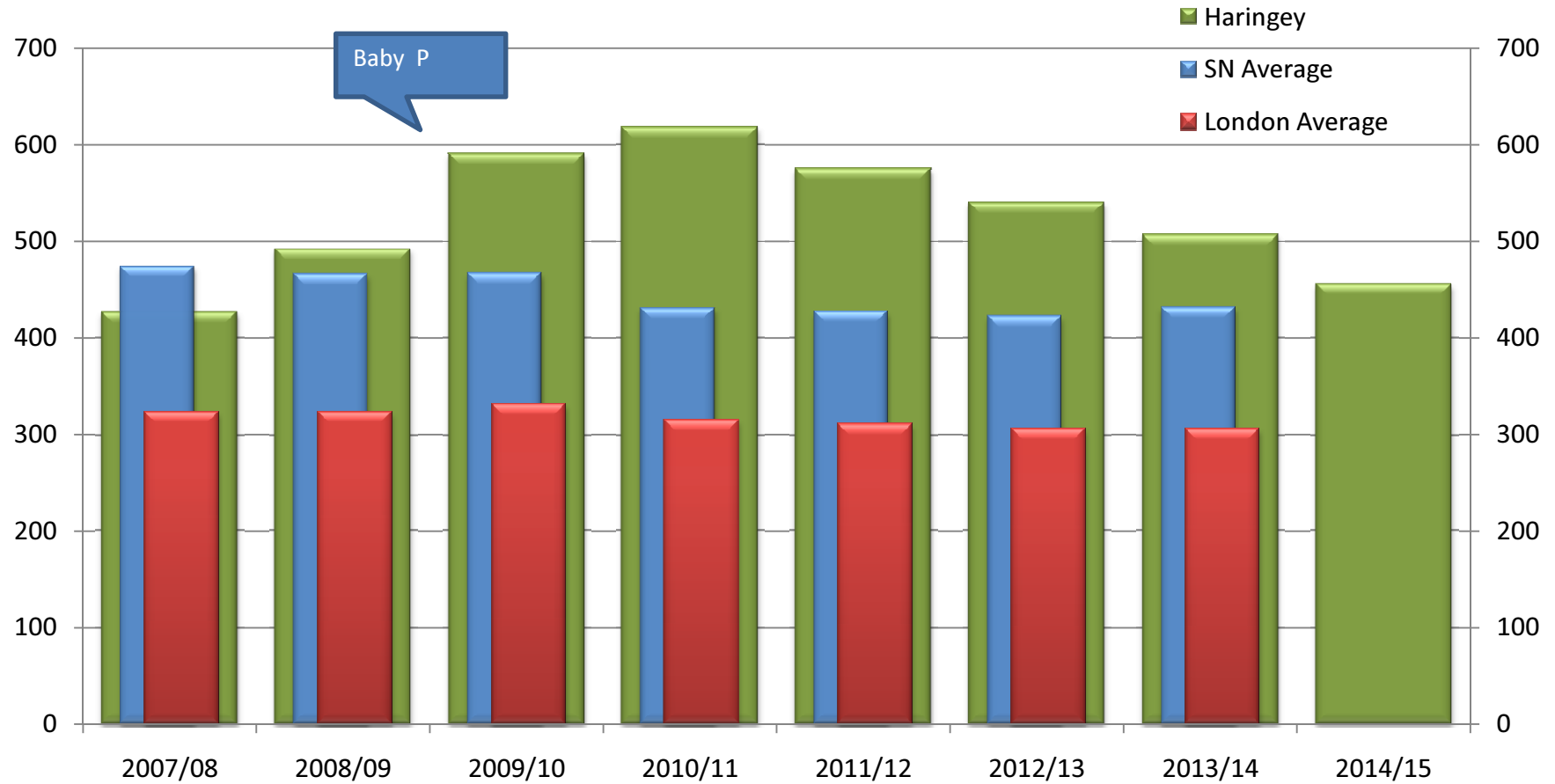
1. Haringey's looked after children and entrants to care

LAC at 30th April 2015 by Age, Gender and Legal Status

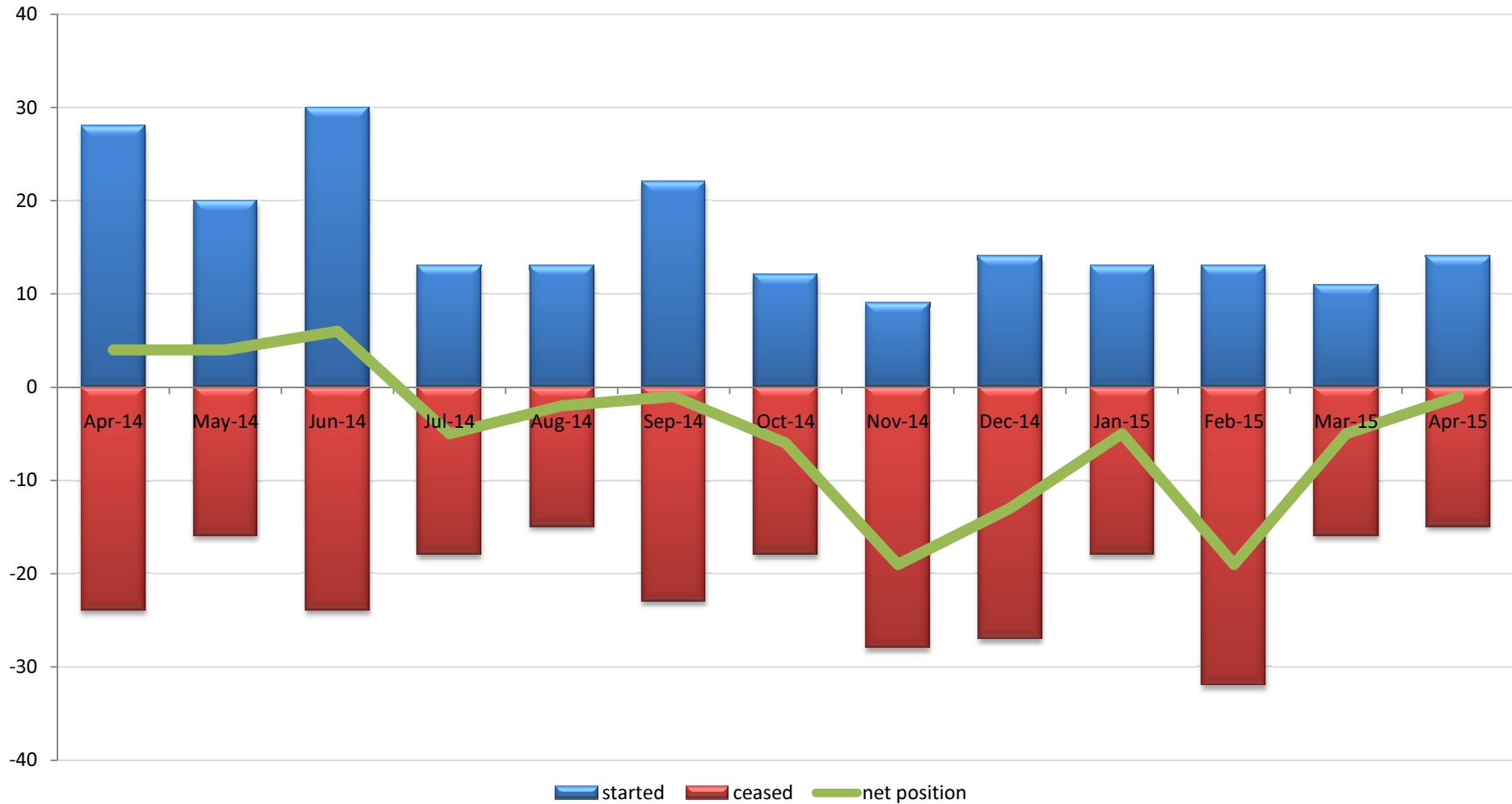


- At 31 May 2015 there were **453** looked after children (LAC) in Haringey
- 231 children and young people in care are over 13 years old. 51% of the overall LAC
- Most CYP accommodated under s.20 are over 13 years old and there are a significant number of males (52) accommodated under s.20
- The 0-5 males also show a fairly large number accommodated under s20 although not in the same proportion as 13+

Children in care including unaccompanied asylum seeking children

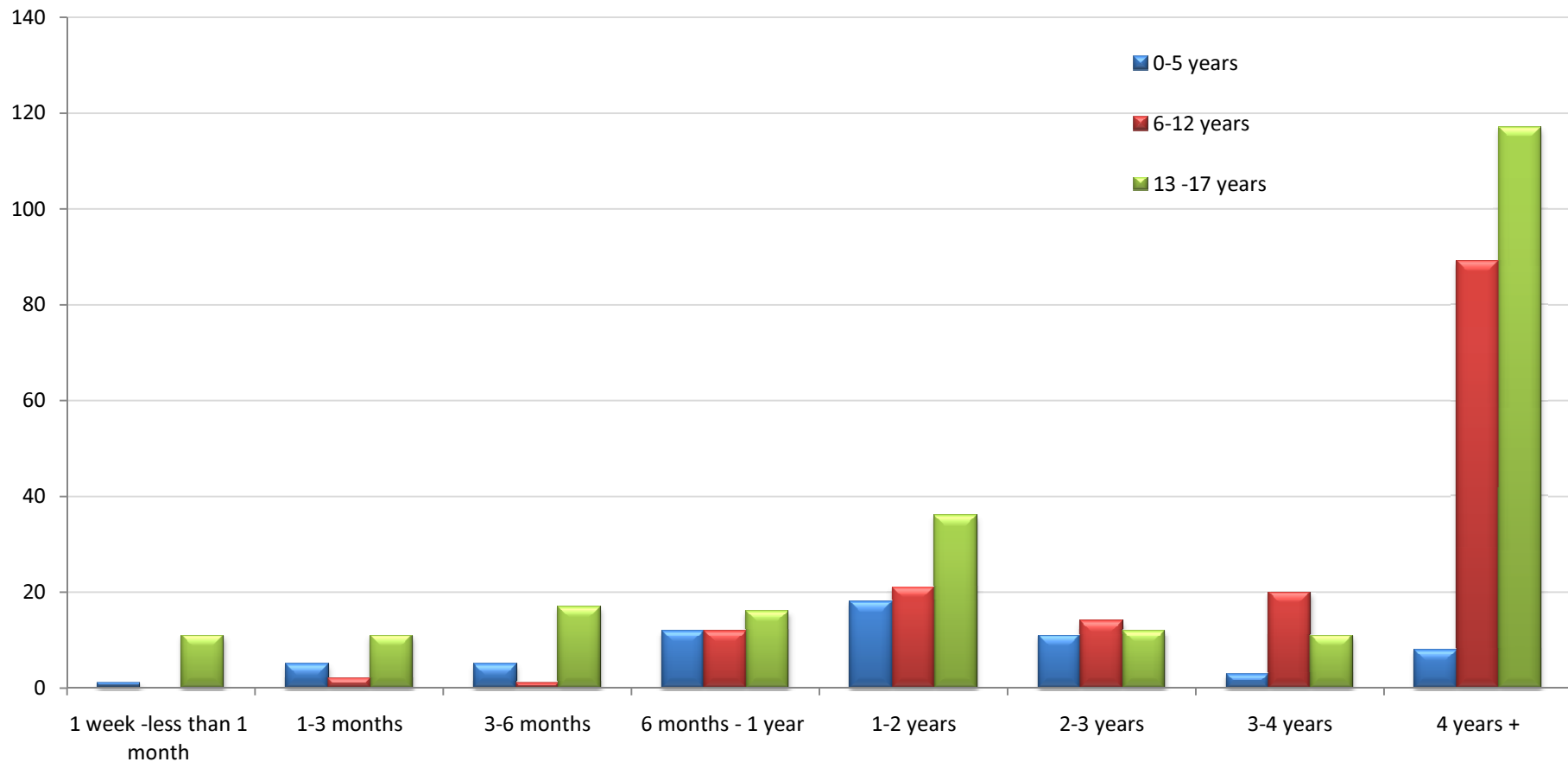


Net care movement April 2014 - April 2015



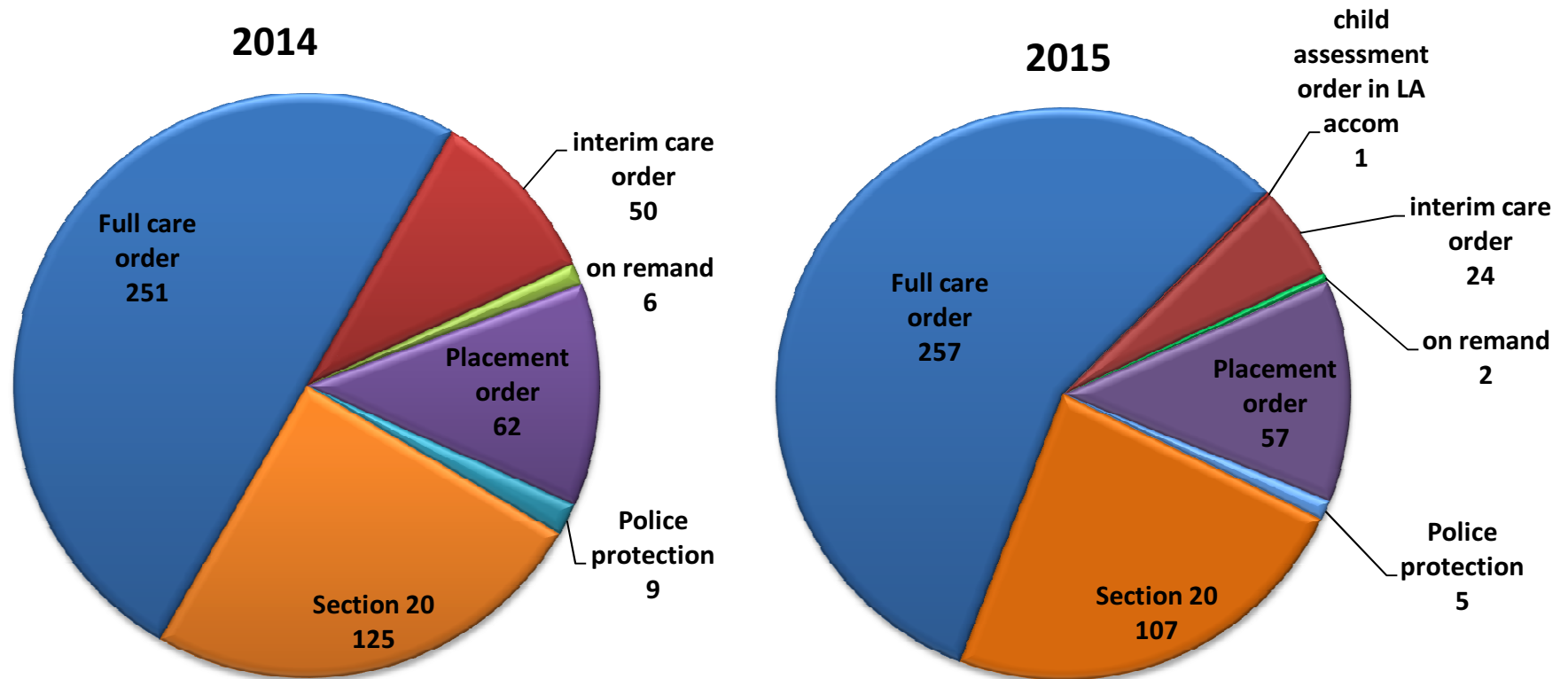
- Since July 2014 there has been a net reduction in the LAC population month on month, with particularly large net decreases (19) in November 2014 and February 2015
- However, we know the rate of decrease has slowed and the numbers went up again slightly in May 2015

LAC at 30th April 2015 by length of time in care



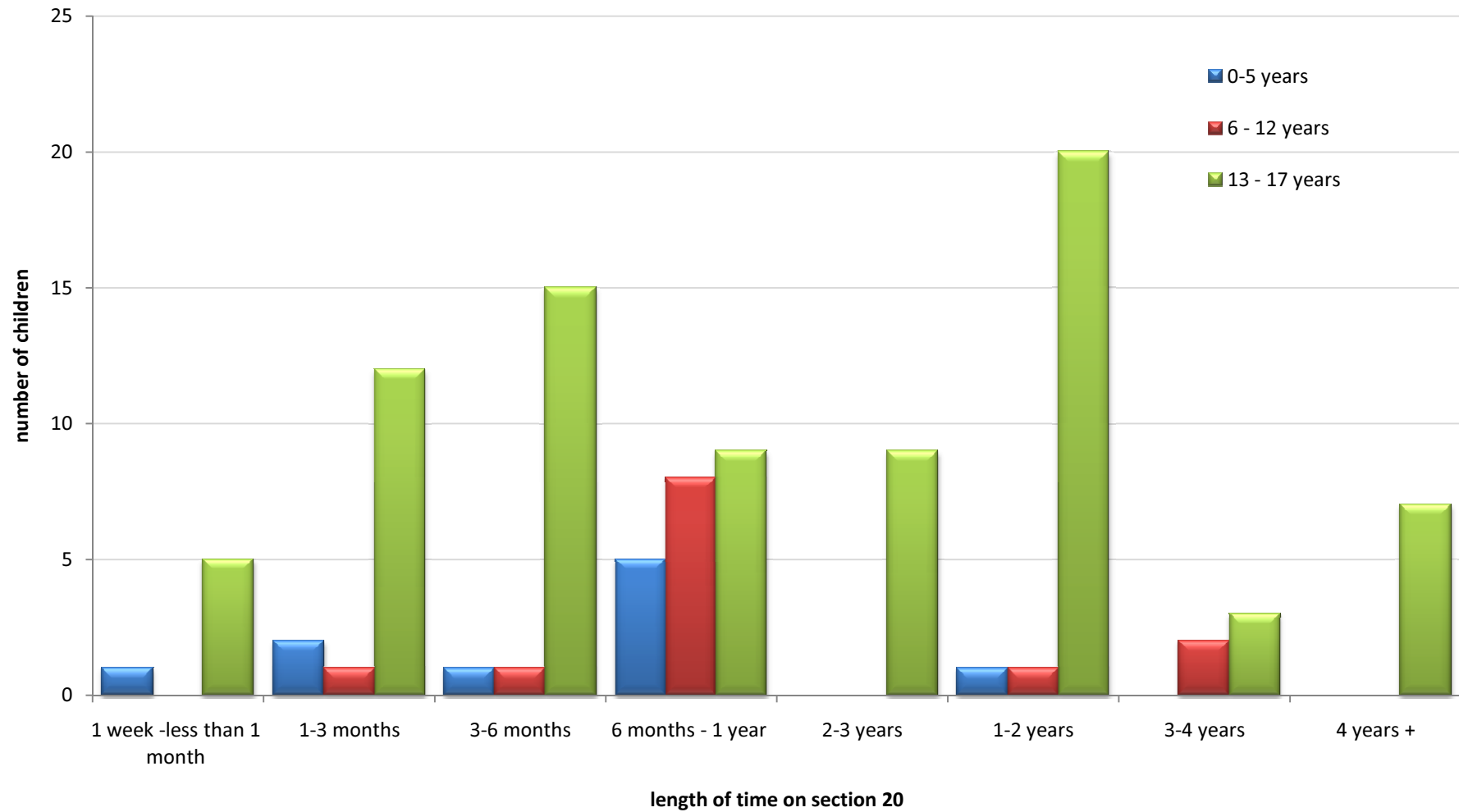
- 13-17 year olds are most likely to have been in care for more than 4 years
- Excluding 4+ years data, LAC are most likely to be in care for 1-2 years
- There is a significant number of children under 5 that have been in care for 4+ years

Legal status of all Looked after Children on 30th April



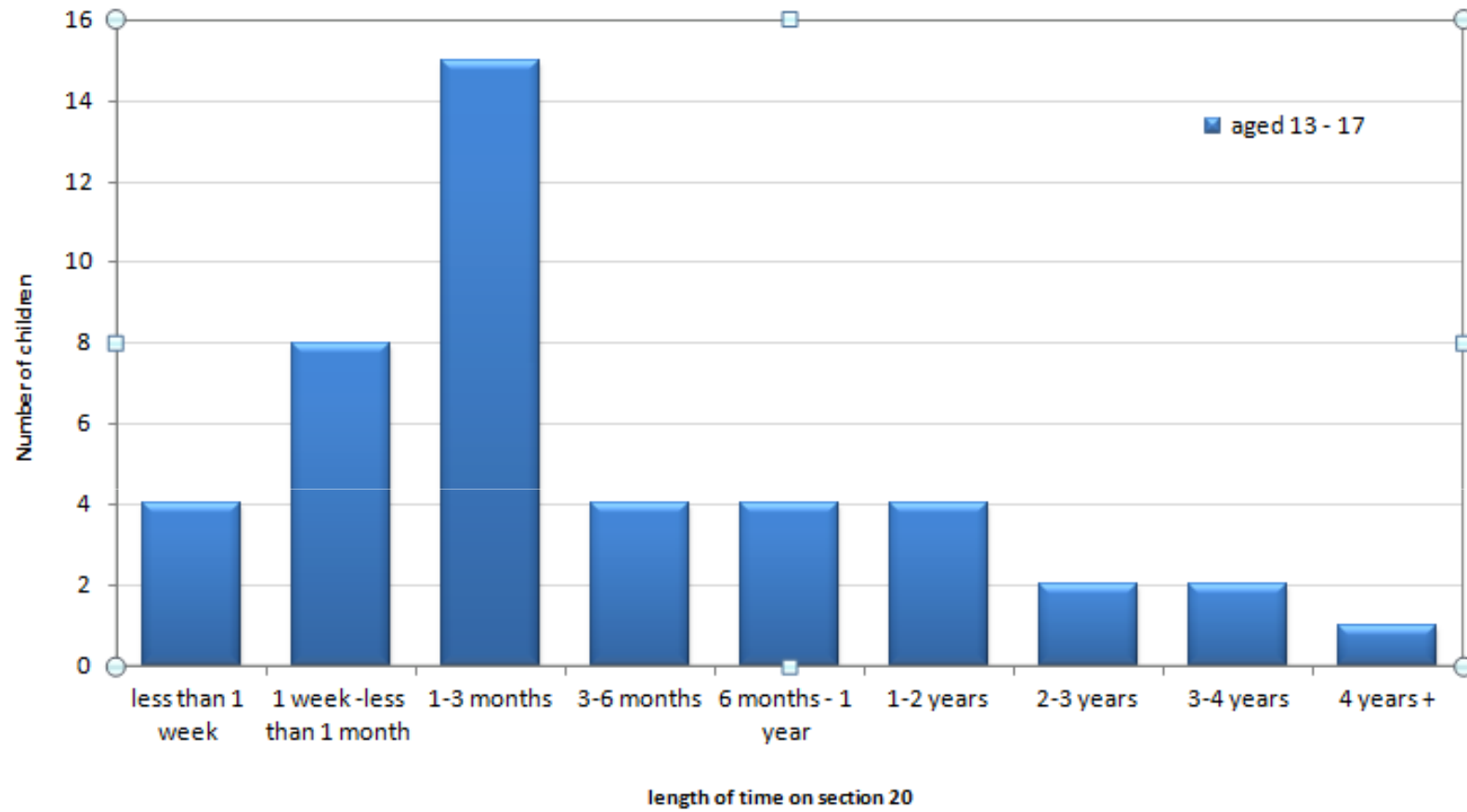
- The majority of LAC are accommodated under a full care order (57%), an increase from 50% in April 2014
- There has been a decrease in the number of LAC accommodated under police protection order from 9 to 5 – though more than 72 hours has expired in all of these cases
- The number of interim care orders has been reduced by half
- The number of s20s has decreased but only in line with the overall reduction in LAC

LAC under section 20 by length of time and age March 2015



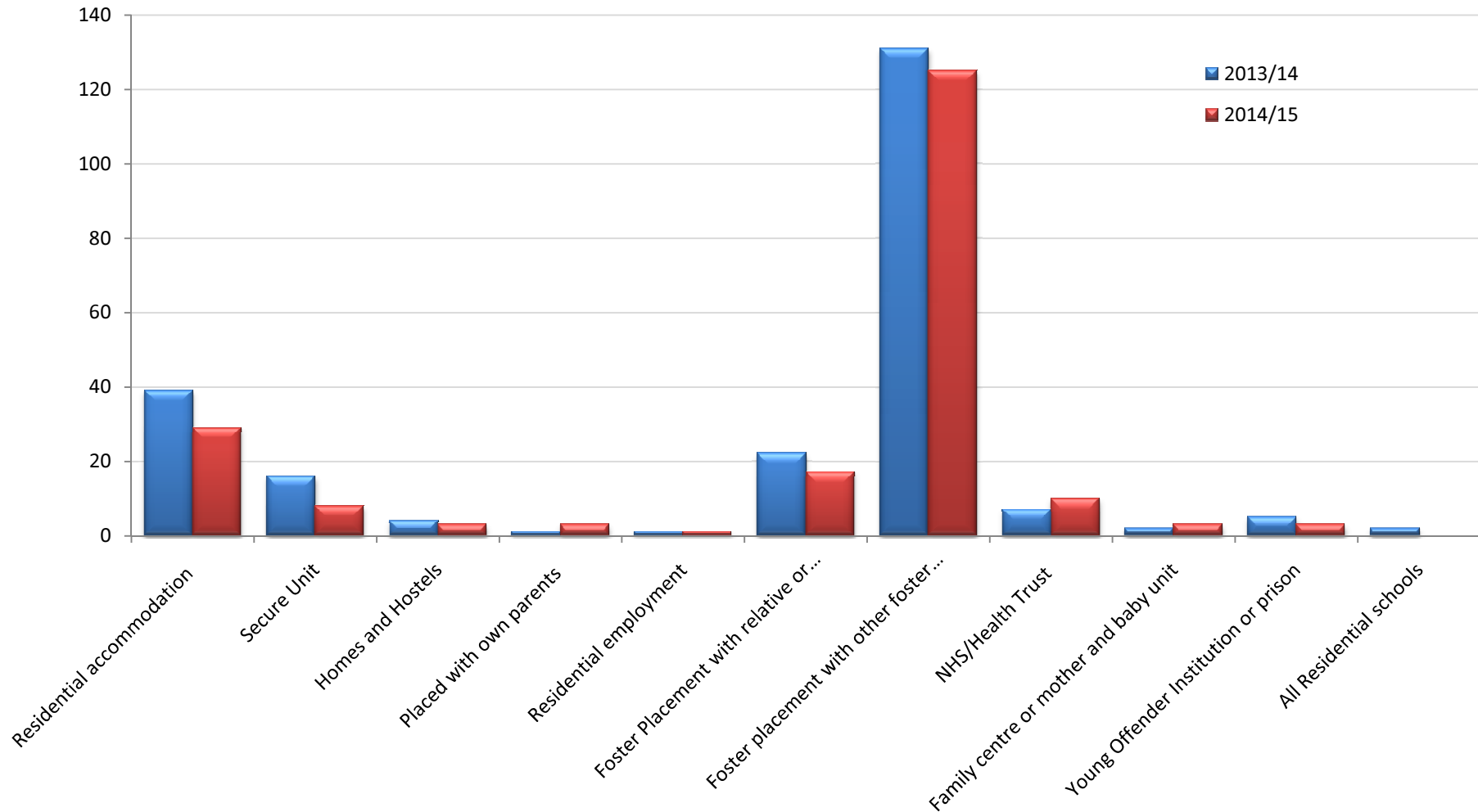
- 78% of the section 20s were children aged between 13-17.

LAC ceased under section 20 by length of time aged 13 -16 March 2015



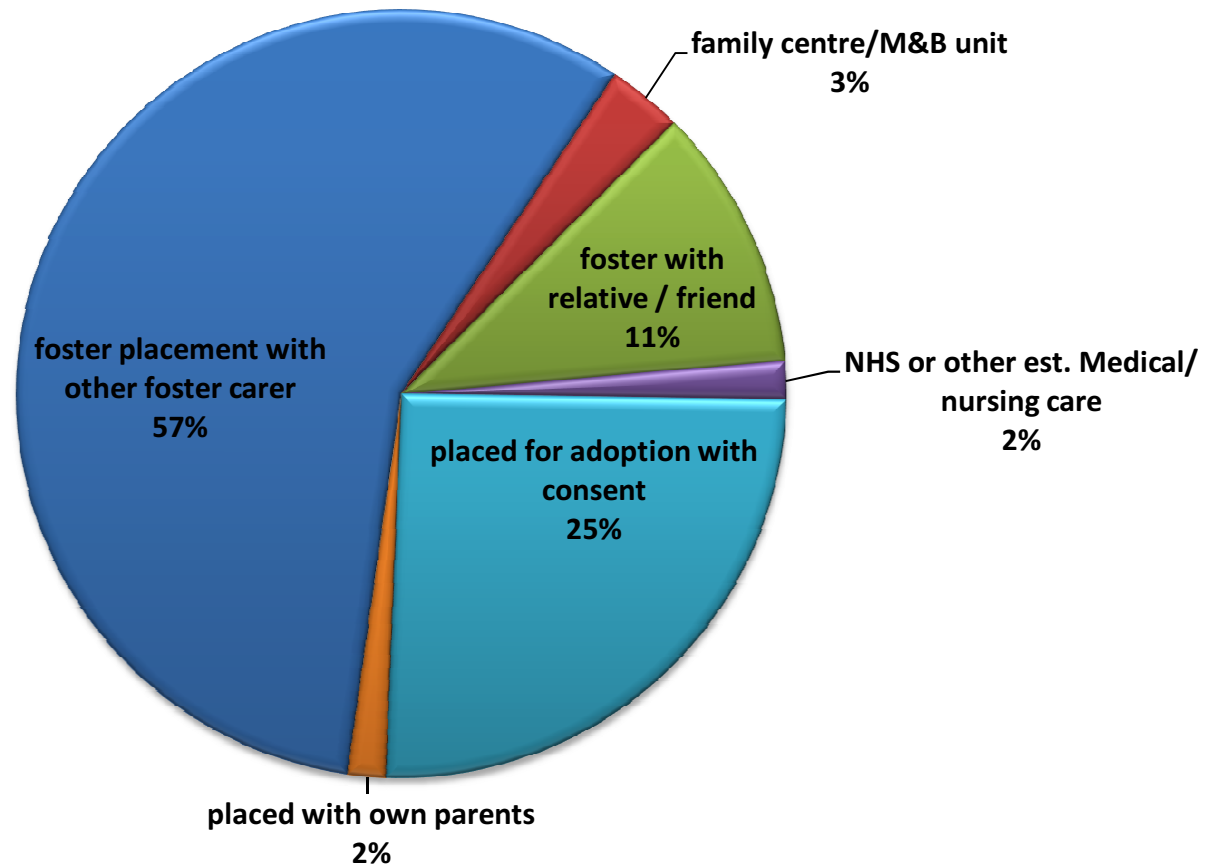
2. Placements

Children who started to be LAC by Placement



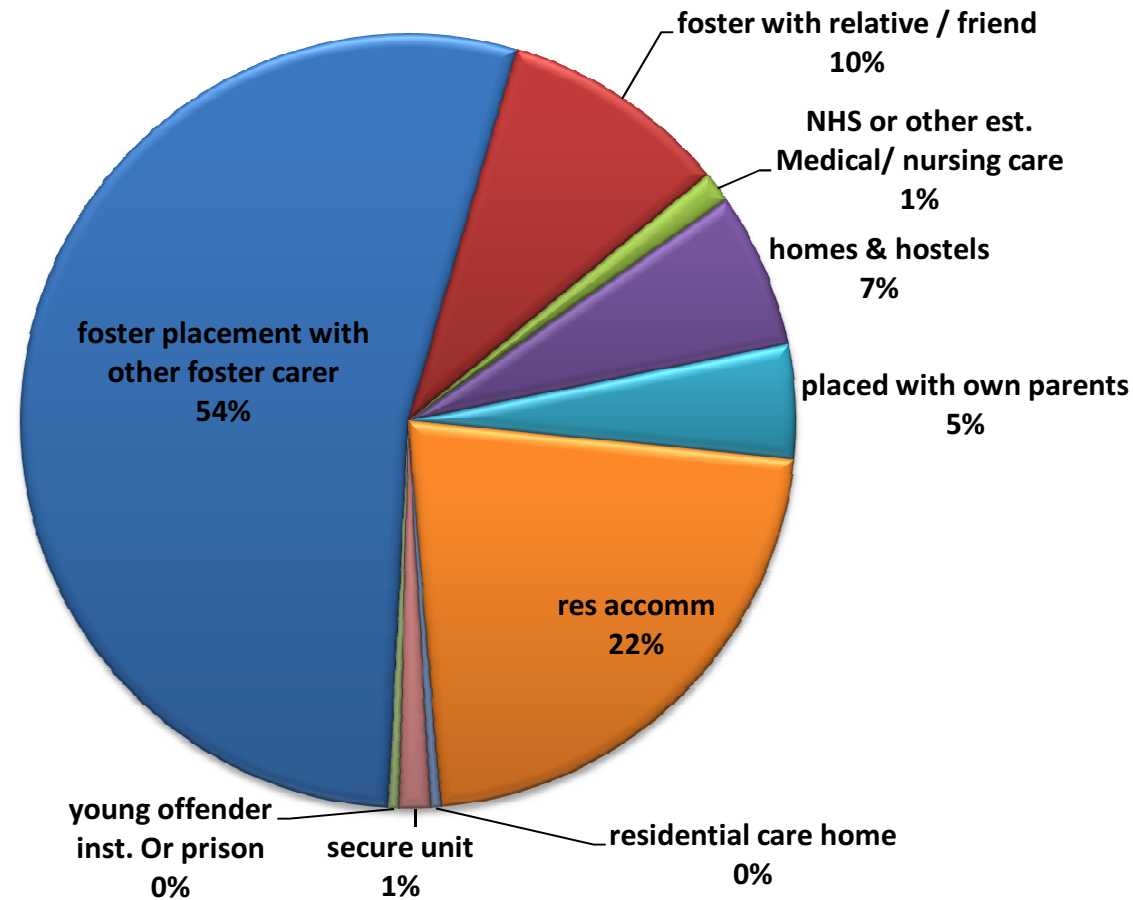
- There has been a reduction in children placed in foster care, residential accommodation, in secure units and young offender institutions compared to the same period last year
- There were small increases in the numbers placed with their parents and in health settings

LAC at 30th April 2015 aged 0-5 by placement type



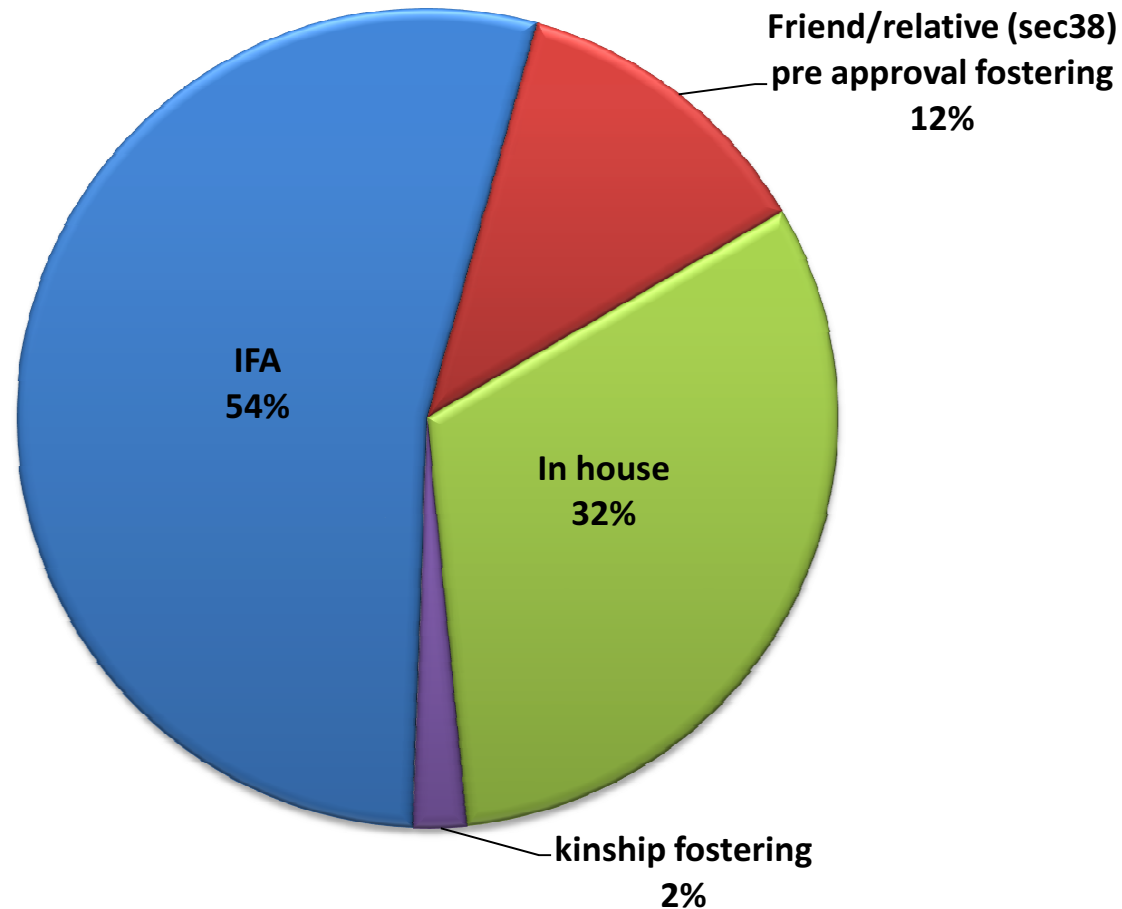
- 63 children under 5 are in care, The majority of 0-5 year olds are in fostering placements (57%), an increase of 4% compared to last month. .
- 11% of under 5s are fostered with family or friends
- 2% of children under 5s are in parent assessment placements
- 3% of children under 5s are in family centre / M&B unit
- 25% of under 5s are placed for adoption

LAC at 30th April 2015 aged 13 - 17 by placement type



- More than half 13-17 year olds are in fostering placements, 54% in fostering placements
- 22% of 13-17 year olds are in residential placements
- 10% are fostered by friends or family
- 5% are placed with own parents
- 1% are either in young offending/prison or secure units
- 7% are placed in homes & hostels

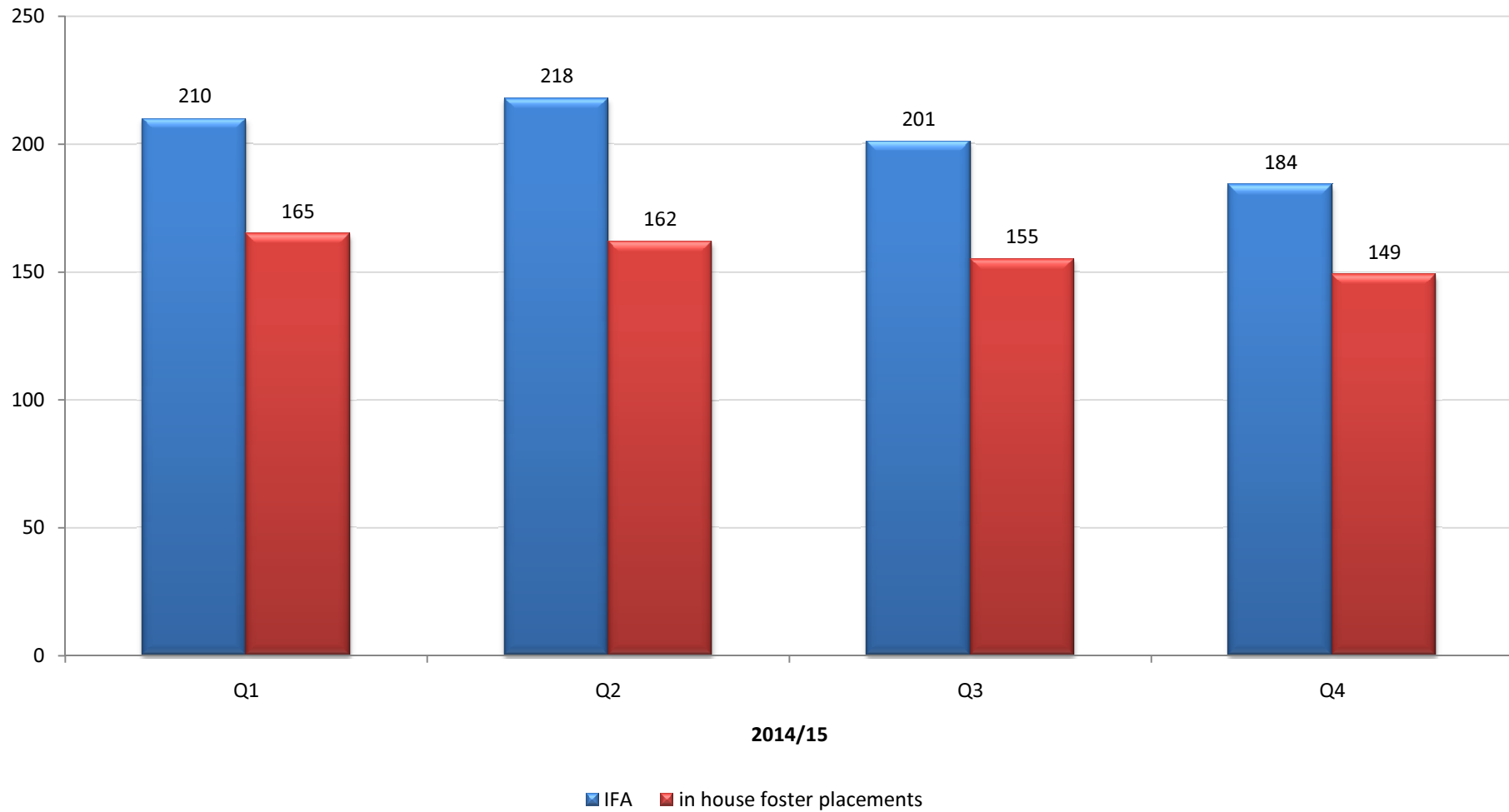
LAC in Foster Placement at 30th April 2015



At the end of April 2015

- 54% of the **total LAC** cohort were IFA (agency fostering)
- 32% of LAC foster placements were in house (task centred)
- 2% are with Connected person foster carers
- 12% are with Friend/relative (sec38) pre approval fostering

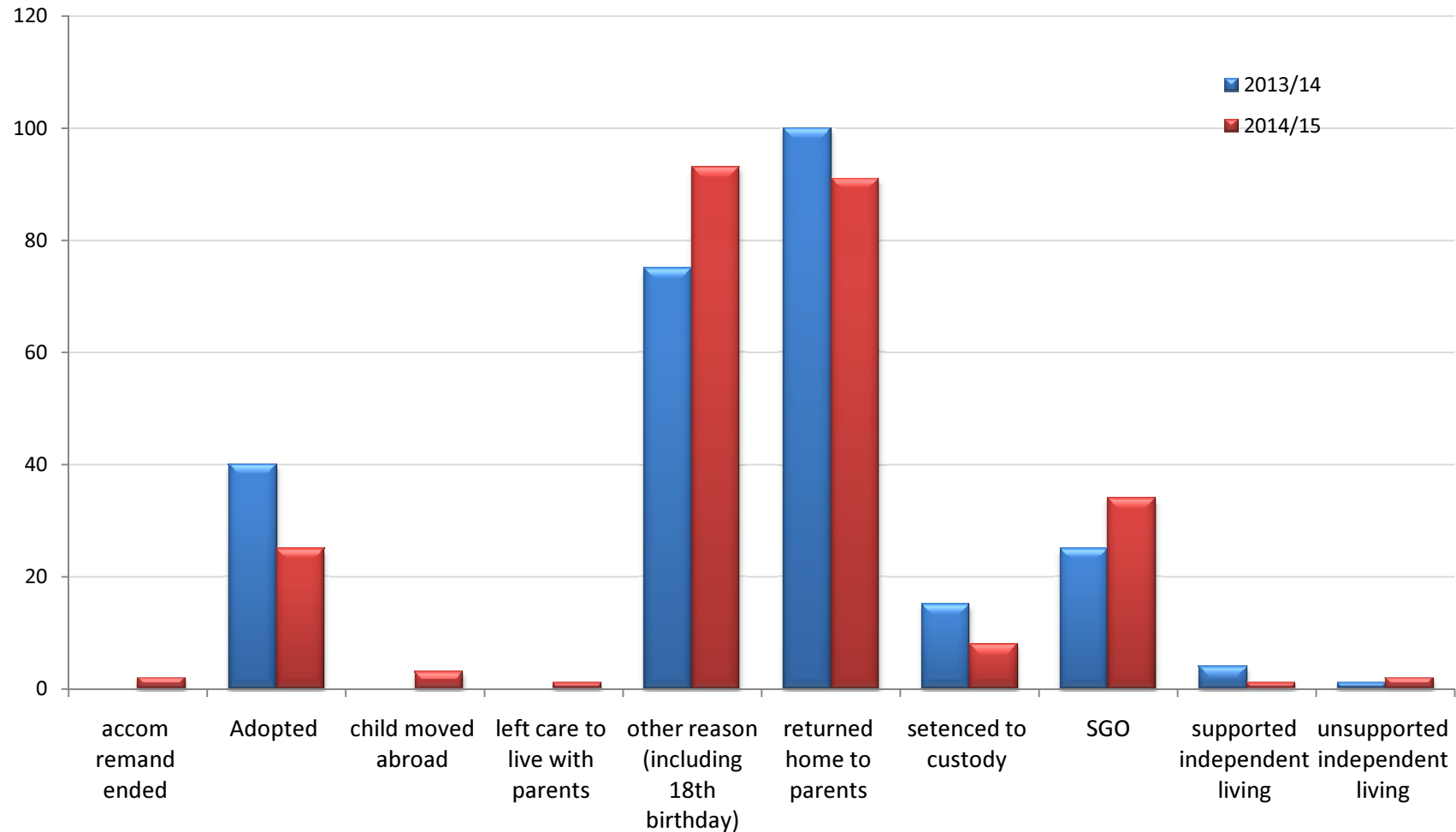
LAC in Foster Placements



- Since Q2 there has been a consistent reduction in the number of children looked after in IFA placements.

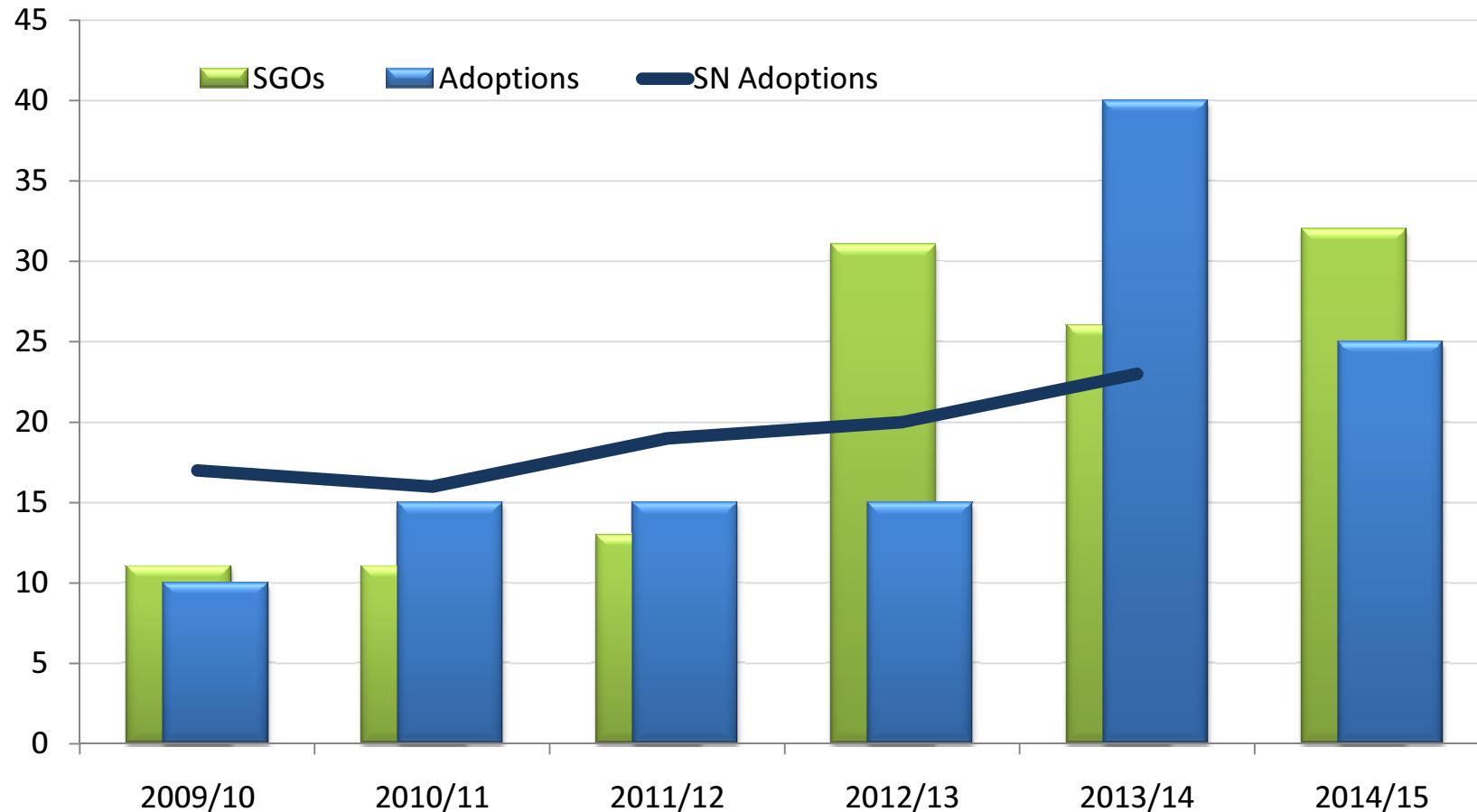
3. Exiting care and adoption

Children who ceased to be LAC



- 260 children ceased to be looked after in 2014/15
- 91 (35%) returned home to their parents, 12 were only looked after for one day, 37 were looked after for less than one month, half for more than two months
- There was an increase in the number of children granted special guardianship
- The number of children adopted reduced from 40 in 2014 to 25 in 2015

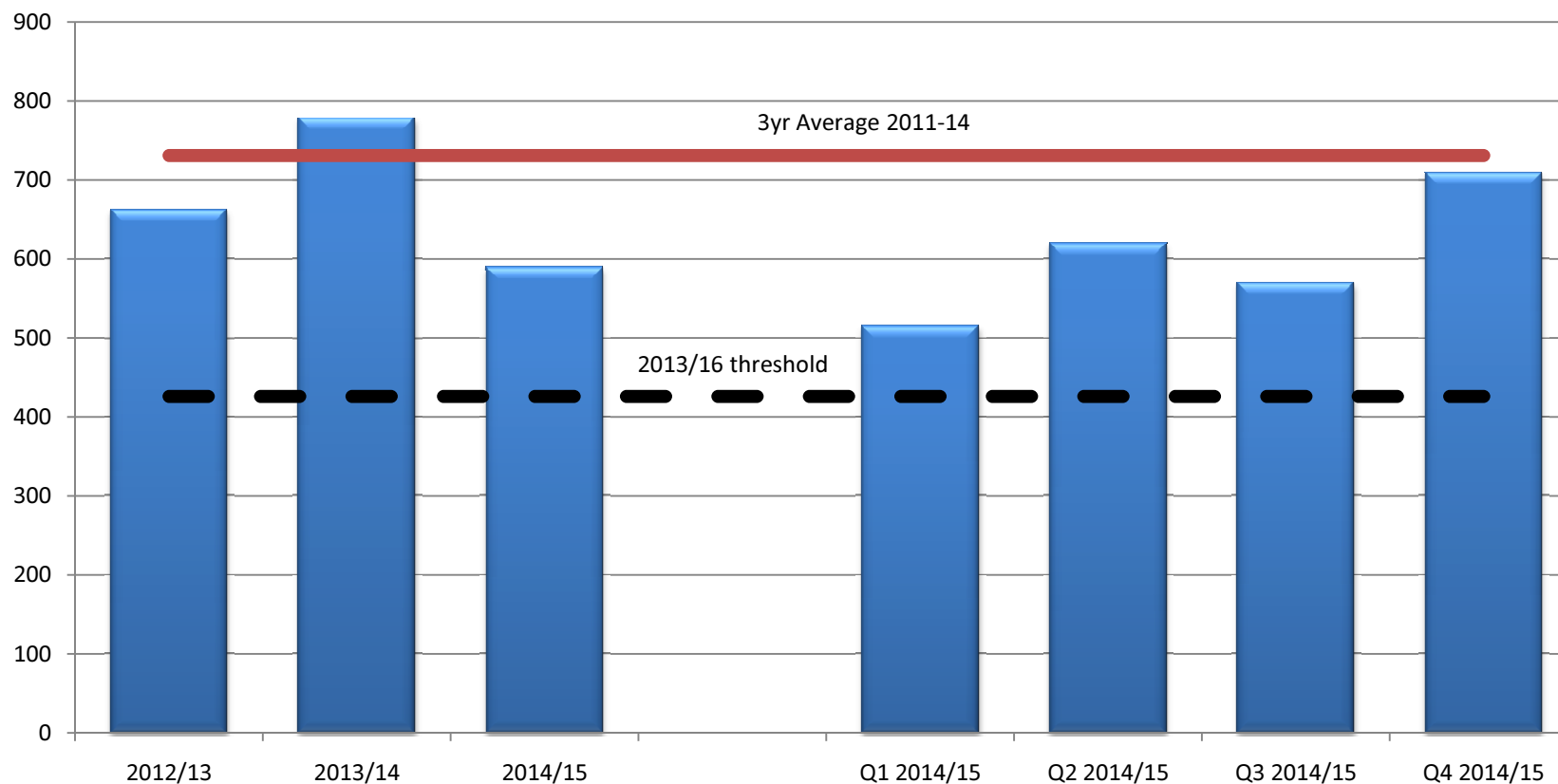
Haringey Adoptions and Special Guardianship Orders



Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption--2>.
Haringey's statistical neighbours Croydon, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, Waltham Forest and Enfield

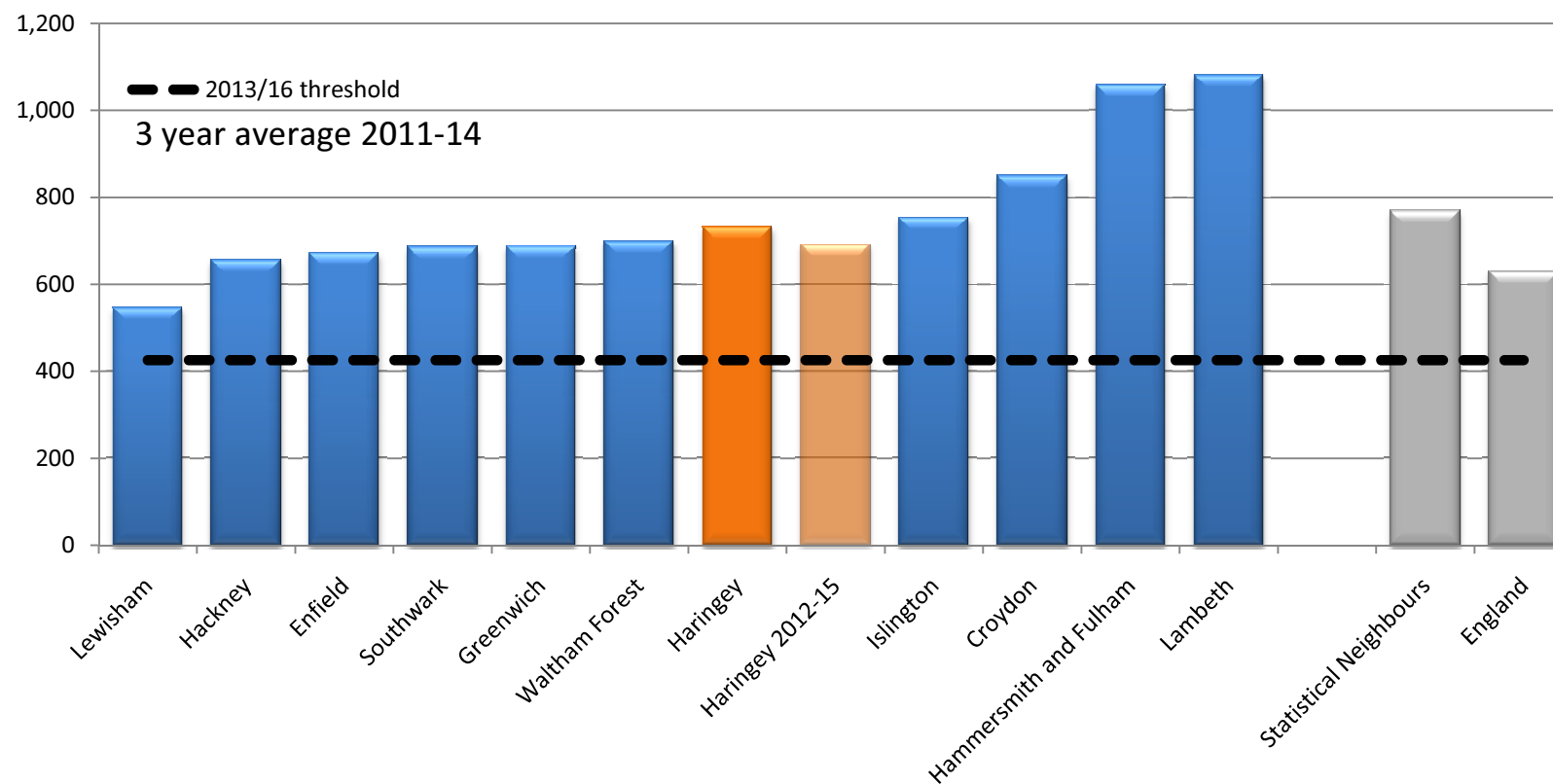
- A change in case law has resulted in an increase in children achieving permanency with connected person in special guardianship placements from 2012
- Focused and targeted work to achieve adoption for a backlog of children in 2014 with adoption plans was successful
- A sustainable volume of adoptions going forward is 20 a year.

Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days) – Haringey performance over time



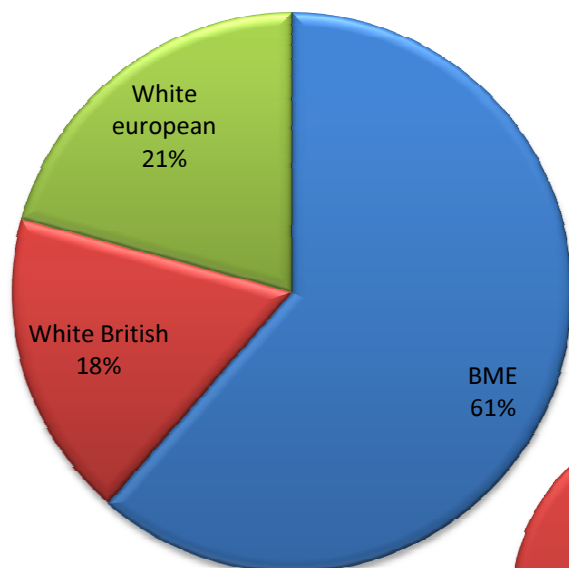
- This is a key national indicator which DfE have written to us and other LAs about
- Haringey's performance has improved over the past year with each of the past 4 quarters below the published 3 year average for 2011-14

Average time between a child entering care and moving in with its adoptive family, for children who have been adopted (days) – Haringey compared to other authorities

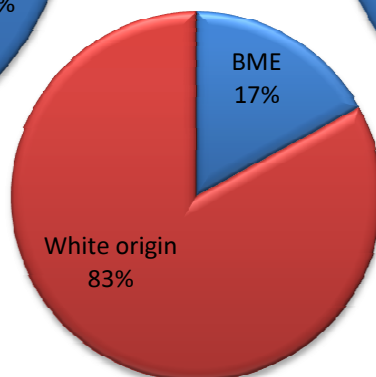
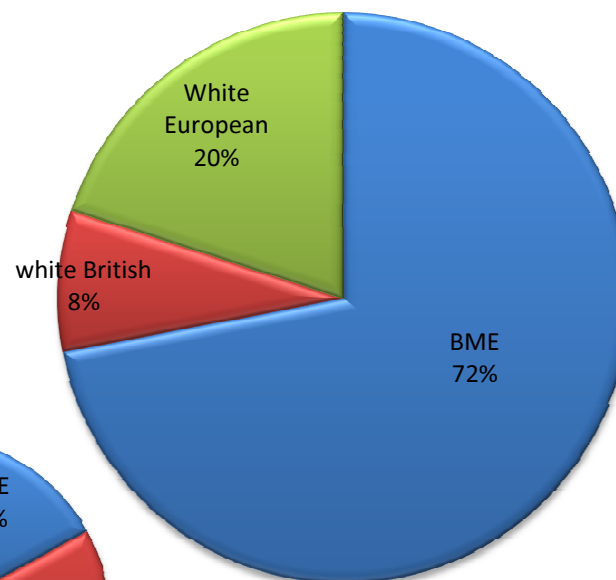


- Haringey's 3 year average has improved from 2011-14 to 2012-15 and is better than our statistical neighbours but higher than the England figure

Haringey LAC at 31st March 2015 by ethnicity



Haringey Adoptions by ethnicity 2014/15



England Adoptions 2013/14

- Adoption for BME children is a national challenge
- BME adoptions in Haringey in 2014/15 were higher proportionately than the LAC population
- A programme of work around permanency is underway to ensure a whole systems approach to fostering, to develop a foster to adopt scheme and concurrent planning with family finding methods deployed for children with more challenging needs.