



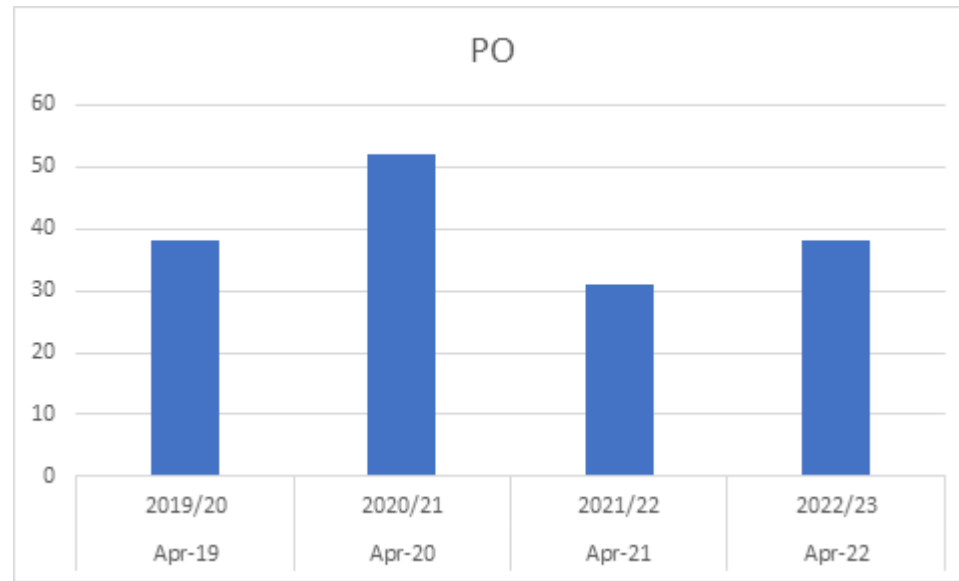
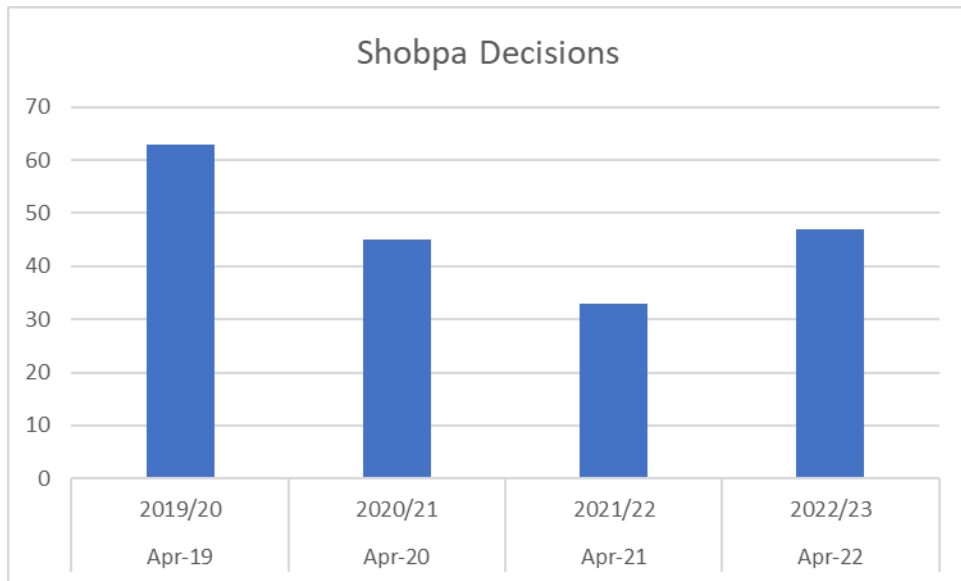
**2022-23 Annual  
Report highlights  
for Manchester**

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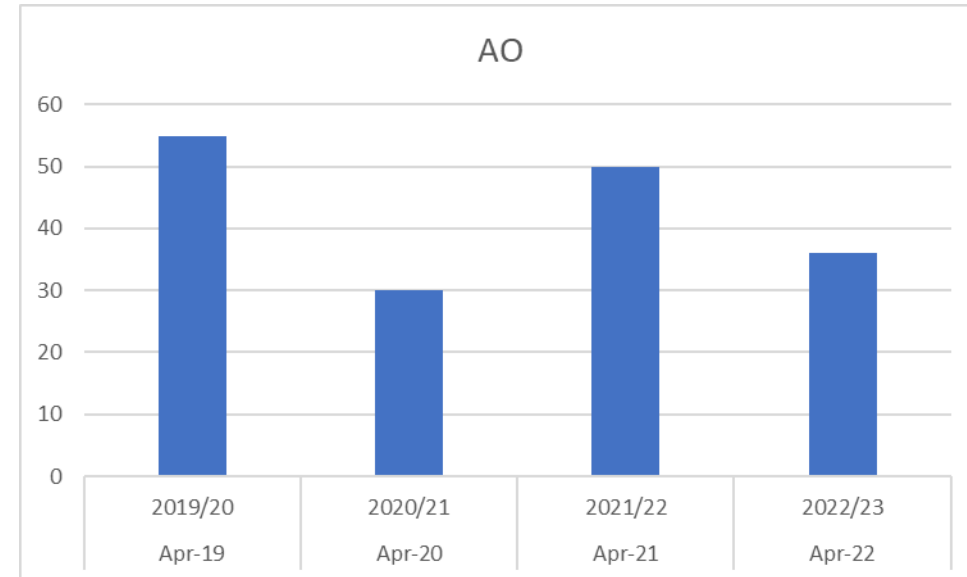
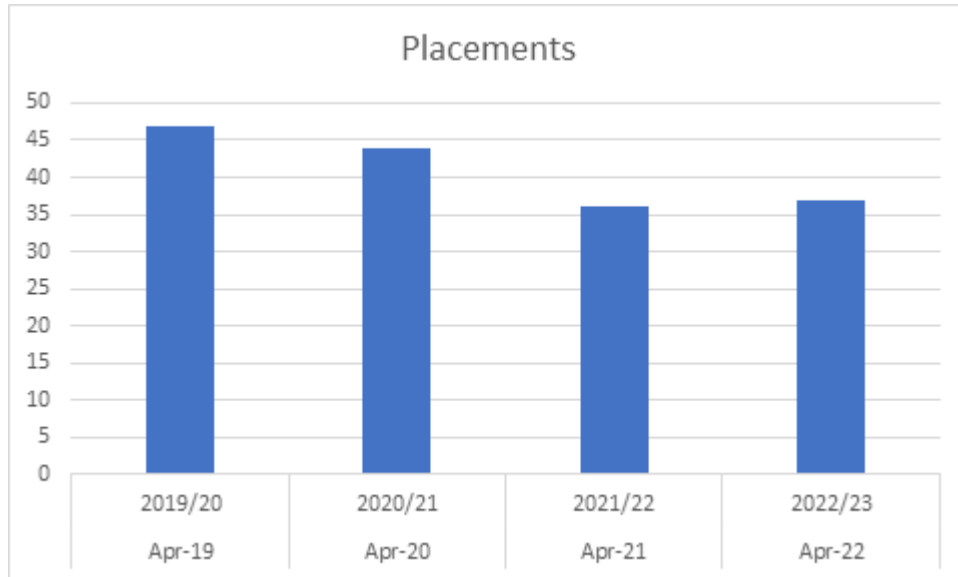
December 2023

# Children's data

47 children had a SHOBPA (should be placed for adoption) decision agreed during the period  
38 children had a Placement Order (PO) agreed by the court



37 children were placed for adoption with 97% of these children placed with adopters approved by Adoption Counts.  
36 children had Adoption Orders (AO) granted.



# Timescales

**A10: Average time between a child entering care and moving in with adoptive family – target 426 days**

**A2: Average time between Placement Order and LA deciding upon match – target 121 days**

**National averages for the period**

**A10: 480 days**

**A2: 197 days**

37 children placed - A10: 477 days A2:137 days

18 children placed within A10 with average of 336 days

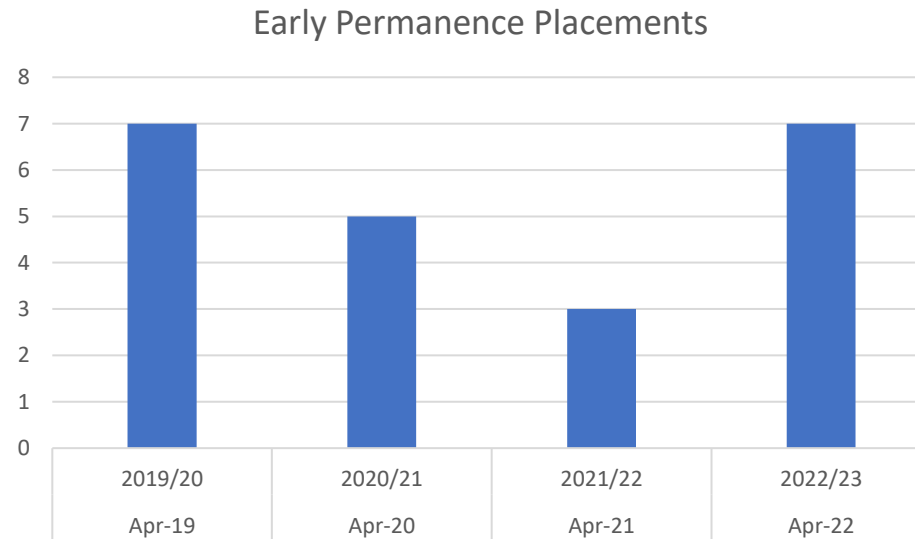
21 children placed within A2 with average of 79 days

36 children adopted - A10: 611 days A2:155 days

10 children placed within A10 with average of 324 days

14 children placed within A10 with average of 87 days

# Early Permanence



Seven children were placed in early permanence families

# Quality of CPR Reports

Rating	Outstanding	Good with Outstanding Features	Good	In Need of Improvement	Ungraded
<b>SHOBPA</b>	0	0	21	16	5
<b>Panel</b>	1		33	6	0

# Adopter Data

79 families approved in total

As of 31.3.23 85 families in assessment process

Enquiry numbers significantly increased- 1816 enquires

Initial meetings remain at consistent level – 171 completed

107 registrations of interest made

Adopter sufficiency to meet the needs of our children – place between 85 – 90% of children with adopters approved by AC

Regular and ongoing recruitment campaigns

# Adoption Support

The Adoption Psychology Service offers specialist assessment, intervention and therapeutic support plus education psychology and sensory assessment; consultations, and therapeutic parenting groups (Foundations for Attachment and Theraplay). From Manchester 10 children were referred with the most complex needs (=23% of total referrals to APS)

This year, there has been a steady demand for services for adoptive families. We had 40 new requests for support from adoptive families and 44 new requests for support from adopted adults. Demand has risen for services with 728 families receiving support from a named social worker.

On behalf of Manchester families we made 119 ASF applications, drawing down £418,599 for specialist assessments and therapy. On 5 occasions this was matched funded (totalling £15,557.50) by the LA.

Service developments continue despite challenges around staffing. A teen group was developed and a second one was created to meet demand; a parenting teens workshop was created and delivered by our APS psychiatrist and therapeutic social workers.

Letterbox service (now renamed Keeping in Touch Team KITT) has 367 exchanges taking place, some with multiple exchanges between siblings, birth relatives and adoptive parents.



In 2023 in addition to our core work we have...

- **Delivered a conference around Keeping in Touch which had national representatives attending**
- **Rebranded the KITT team and developed KITT resources to focus on maintaining/building good relationships**
- **Delivered our first stand-alone Theraplay group**
- **Met 160+ adopters and children who attended a fun day at Tatton Park and 94 individuals who attended our Fun Day in November**
- **Recruited more therapeutic providers to increase our pool of providers for specialist assessments and therapy**
- **Developed and delivered teen groups**
- **Developed and delivered our first ever Parenting Teens evening workshop**
- **Contributed to the Race and Ethnicity task group delivering training for families**
- **Developed the Voice of the Child good practice**
- **Contributed to the ASF pilot Outcome Measures project which will change practice across England**
- **Worked on developing relationships with our Virtual School teams**
- **Delivered training to Judges across the NW about life story work and adoption support**