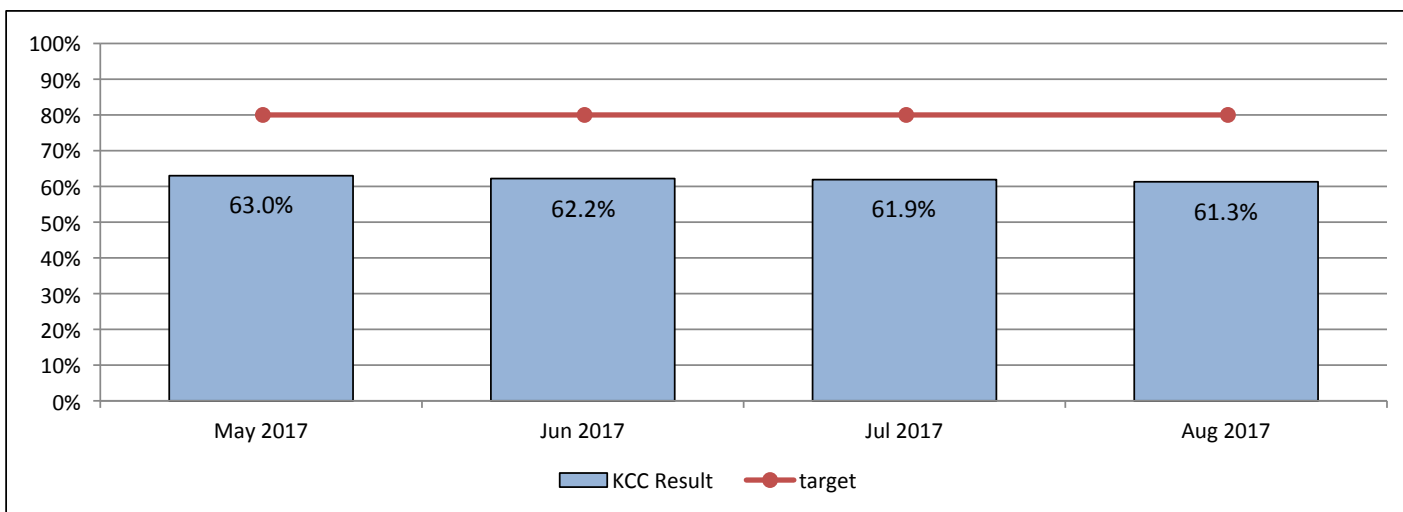


% of cases where adoption agreed as plan within 4 months, for those with an agency decision			Red
Cabinet Member	Roger Gough	Director	Sarah Hammond
Portfolio	Children, Young People and Education	Division	Specialist Children's Services



Trend Data – Month End	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017
KCC Result	63.0%	62.2%	61.9%	61.3%
Target	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
RAG Rating	Red	Red	Red	Red

**Commentary**

The definition for this measure requires Adoption to be the sole plan at the 2nd Review, which is a maximum of four months after a child becomes 'Looked After' by the Local Authority. Some children will however have had more than 2 reviews within this timescale. For a number of children alternative plans were still being considered at the second review and this will be the correct course of action for these children as reunification to parents or extended family options will be being considered.

For 43 children over the rolling 12 month period a decision on Adoption as the plan for permanence was not agreed by four months of them coming into care. For 14 of these children the decision was in the fourth month, so just outside of the timescale. Timeliness of decision making in the adoption process is closely tracked by the Adoption Service who will escalate any concerns to the relevant Service Manager.

**Data Notes**

**Target:** 80% (RAG Bandings: Below 70% = Red, 70% to 80% = Amber, 80% and above = Green)

**Tolerance:** Higher values are better

**Data:** Figures shown are based on a rolling 12 month period. The result for Aug 2017 for example shows performance for Sep 2016 to Aug 2017.

**Data Source:** Liberi