

# ADOPTION – NOTTINGHAM'S PERFORMANCE

## Overview of performance

- Government Implementation of Adoption Scorecards covering 2 key areas:
- The average time between a child entering care and moving in with his/her adoptive family
- Time between LA securing Placement Order and deciding on a match is 560 days
- The DFE has calculated returns from 146 local authorities – 72 Underperforming
- Nationally Nottingham City is placed 44th and within SNG of 11 LA's we are 2<sup>nd</sup> only to Middlesbrough
- Average of 11% of adopted children were from a BME background



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## Key risks

- Expectation that LA's will improve adoption performance year on year.
- National lack of Adopters
- Family Justice Review - The introduction of the reduced timescales of court processes for care proceedings to 28 weeks

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## Areas of focus

- Adoption Placement Advisors
- Dedicated recruitment events for adopters of harder to place children
- Monitoring of timely assessment with commissioned partner
- To continue to be a progressive authority regarding trans- racial matches
- Nottingham's 2009 Adoption Inspection noted outstanding area of practice to recruit and match adopters from diverse backgrounds
- Clear and robust tracking systems being implemented to improve and monitor timescales for assessing, matching and placing



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