

SCOTTISH adoption

Our 2015/2016 Review

WHAT WE DID OVER THE YEAR

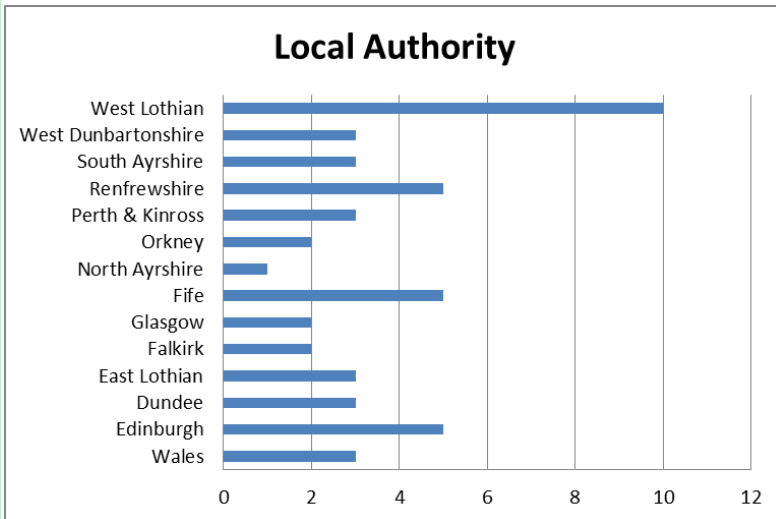
Adoption Placements Made 2015/2016

There were a total of 42 Placements of 50 children made between April 2015 and March 2016.

Gender: Male **27** Female **23**

Age: **1** aged under 1 Year **36** aged 1-4 years **13** aged over 5 years

Where did the Children come from?



Supporting Contact

In the last year Scottish Adoption has supervised 6 Direct Contact Arrangements between birth families and adoptive families and also supported Information Exchange Agreements in relation to 290 children.

Counselling Birth Parents whose Children are being placed for adoption.

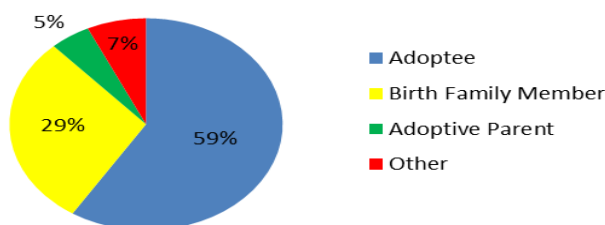
5 Birth Parents were supported through the adoption process by Scottish Adoption.

Running Groups

A range of groups have run over the year supporting our work with adoptive families.

- Single Adopters Support Group
- W.I.S.E Up
- Small Group Workshops with Holly van Gulden
- Theraplay Technique Groups
- Singing and Drumming Groups
- Family & Friends Preparation Groups
- Groups for Adopted Young People
- Tadpoles Group
- Talking about Adoption Workshop
- Transition Groups

After Adoption Counselling for Adopted People & Birth Family Members: 271 People received a service



Contribution to Local Authority Adoption & Fostering Panels

Scottish Adoption provided a Chair/Panel member to three local authorities, they are;

Aberdeenshire Council
West Lothian Council
Midlothian Council

After Adoption Support to Families

47 Adoptive Families received a significant support service over the year while many more contacted us seeking ad hoc advice, information and support.



Adoption and Fostering Panel

The Agency have approved 49 prospective families over the year, all of whom were also approved as foster carers.

Dad's Group

We launched a new group for Dads and their children, meeting weekly at the Scottish Adoption Office for the first three months, the Group now meet on the first Saturday of the month at different locations around central Scotland and are very well attended.

Therapy Centre

In June 2015 we launched our Adoption Therapy Centre offering a range of support services including Music Therapy, Art Therapy and Occupational Therapy (sensory integration). Over the year **58** individual children benefitted from the services,

Project Work

- Chance4Change working with a group of Edinburgh Birth Mothers
- And Violet film working with Good Well Films
- A range of services for adopted children and young people.
- Partnership with People Know How in relation to adopter recruitment.

Our Adoption Ambassadors have been attending Preparation Groups and sharing their experiences. Here is what some people had to say about our Ambassadors:

It was very interesting to meet the adopted teenagers and to hear their stories.

Meeting the adoptive children and hearing their stories - both had had very different experiences but common was the fact that the adoption story is key to their life experience and they have both benefitted from the support that Scottish Adoption can offer to adopted children as well as parents.

Meeting the Ambassadors in the afternoon made the process feel very real for me and getting to meet, listen and chat with them was invaluable.

The discussion with the three young people brought home the balancing act adoptive parents must walk between raising awareness of their children's whole life story while not blaming every aspect of their behaviour on the fact that they are adopted.

Total income for the year was **£1,321,843** and total expenditure was **£1,318,997**.

Excluding expenditure relating to the defined benefit pension scheme the surplus for the year including the movement in the valuation of investments was **£110,253**.

Scottish Adoption would like to thank the following trusts and organisations for their contributions over the year. We are very grateful for your continued support of various aspects of our work.

The Robertson Trust

The R S MacDonald Charitable Trust

Saint & Sinners Club

The Russell Trust

The Erskine Cunningham Hill Trust

The Nancie Massey Charitable Trust

Widowers Childrens Home Trust

Liddell Thomson Consultancy

The Binks Trust

Andrew Paton Charitable Trust

Tillyloss Trust

Thank you also to our group of individual supporters, many of whom have financially supported the agency over a number of years.

