

APSE Annual Report 2024–25



Summary of APSE Annual Report 2024–25



Achievements and Innovation

The report details the agency's innovations and commitment to high-quality adoption support across Bexley, Kent, and Medway.

Key Funded Initiatives

Department for Education funding supports early permanence placements, sibling matching, and multidisciplinary adoption support services.

Community Engagement and Support

Participation events, peer support, and voice groups enhance community involvement and strengthen the adoption network.

Training and Collaboration with Children Services

Professional training is prioritised with positive feedback, improving timeliness and outcomes for children across the region.

Child's Adoption Journey - Medway

Increased Best Interest Decisions

Agency Decision Maker Best Interest Decisions increased to 28 from 20 last year.

Rise in Placement Orders

Placement Orders rose to 25 from 12 last year.

Adoption Orders and Placements

In 2024–25, 15 adoption orders were granted and 14 children were successfully placed for adoption in Medway.

Early Permanence

Two children were placed via Early Permanence, contributing to a 29% regional match rate exceeding the 20% target.

Sibling Placements Success

Six sibling placements, including groups, highlight Medway's sibling group of three.





Timeliness of Adoption Process

Matching Decisions

Medway achieved an average of 147 days from placement order to matching decision, outperforming the national average of 218 days.

Process Streamlining & Teamwork

Timeliness improvements resulted from streamlined processes and strong collaboration between CIC and Adoption

Adoption Support



Adoption Support Fund Applications

Eighteen applications were submitted to provide therapeutic and tailored support services to adoptive families in Medway.



Review Assessments Conducted

Twenty-two review assessments were carried out to ensure ongoing support meets adoptive families' needs.



Community Engagement Events

Medway families participated in councils, fun days, family events, and youth activities to foster belonging.



Peer and Adopter Support

Peer support schemes and adopter-led groups enhanced the adoption community's sense of belonging and support.



CAFIS supported birth parents, adopted adults, and birth relatives with records, intermediary services, and independent support.