



Private Fostering Annual Report 2018/19

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Fig 1. Notifications of PF Arrangements by Year





Fig 2. Proportion of Referrals from language schools

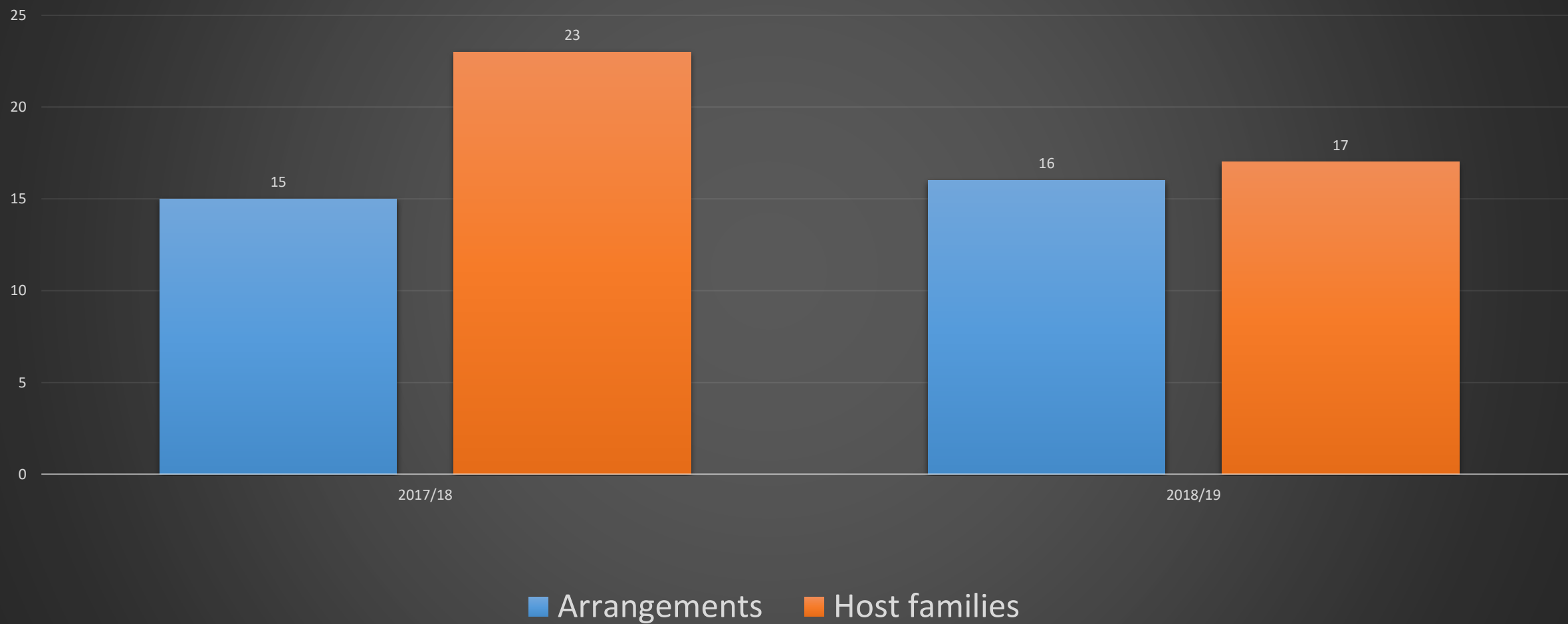




Fig 6. Open cases at Month end

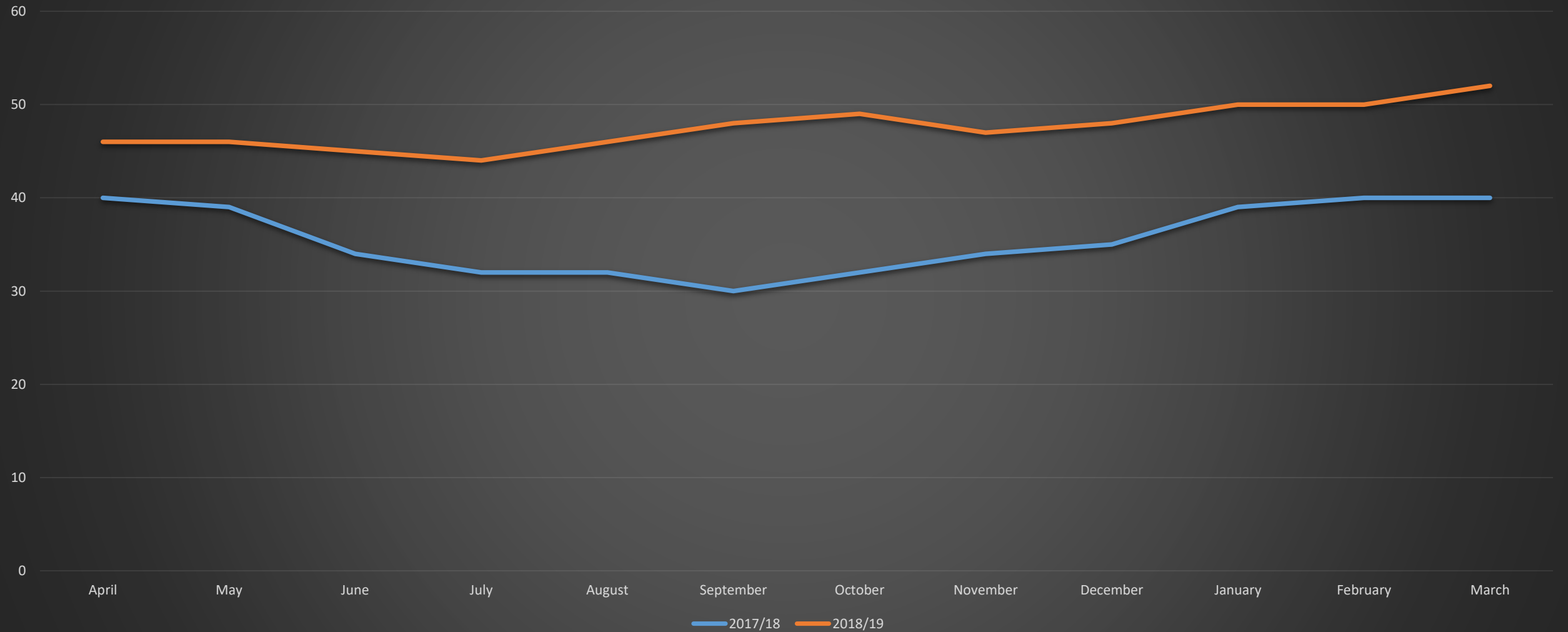
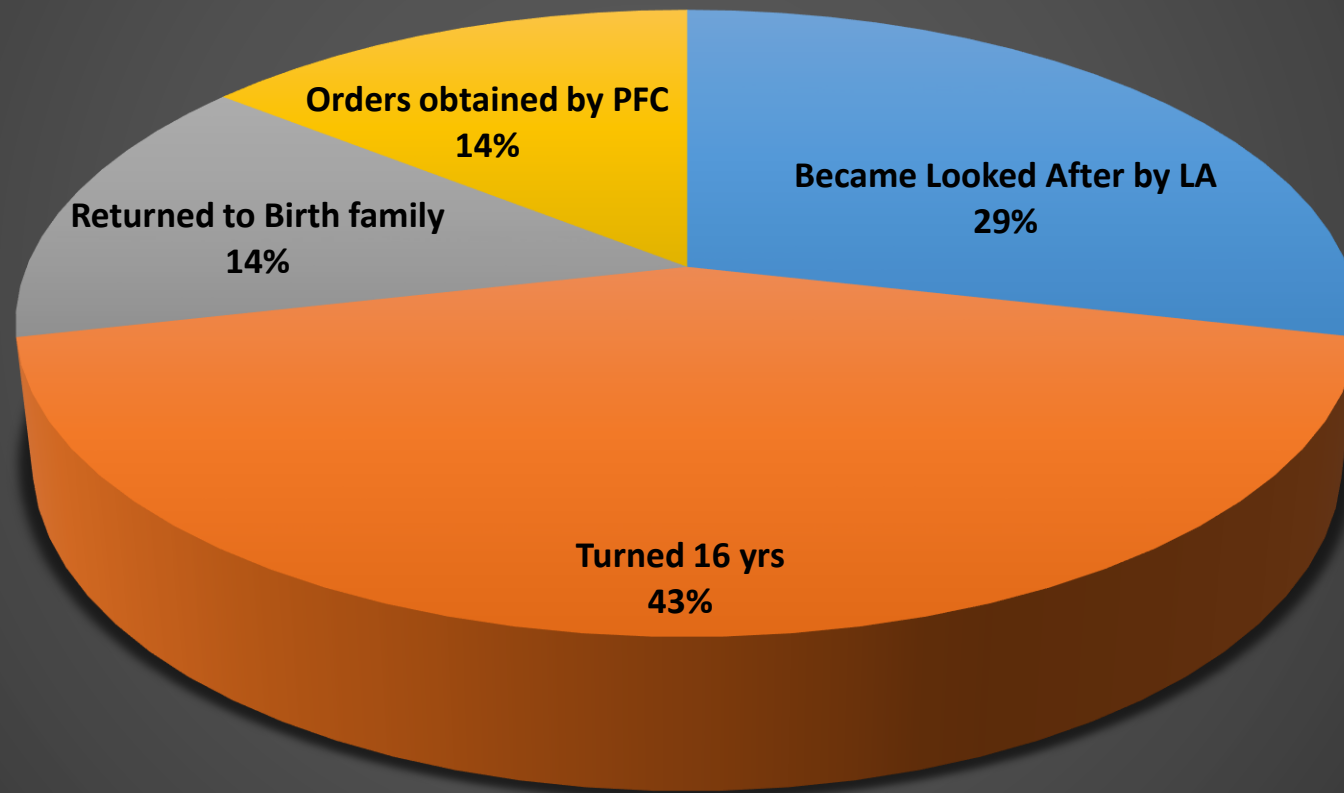




Fig 7 Reasons for Termination of PF Arrangement





Key Themes from Private Fostering Cases

- **Permanence**

Excluding Host arrangements with language Schools, there are a number of cases where arrangements are presented to the PF Panel, where issues exist which relate to permanence. Often children are placed in circumstances where parents are overseas or not in regular contact with the Private Foster carers. This can result in circumstances where decisions regarding the future arrangements for these children are unclear.

- **Permanence**

There are cases where parents have passed away and Parental Responsibility of the surviving parent is disputed. Private Foster carers are reticent to formalise arrangements through court and therefore a re-assessment of the situation is required.

- **Immigration Status**

Of the 52 current active cases within the PF team, 9 currently have issues relating to the immigration status of the young person. In some cases parents are no longer able to enter the UK and therefore their ability to exercise PR effectively is questionable.



Plan for 2019/20

Following the recommendation of the annual report a management review took place in June 2019. The review audited 24 cases and recommended

- Implement changes to recording pathways to support assessments of carers and children's needs.
- Improve Assessment of Private Fostering Arrangements to ensure PF carers and children are fully assessed
- Develop a child in need care plan for all children in such arrangements
- Strengthen Panel arrangements to ensure regular reviews of arrangements and care plans



Any Questions ?