# North Lanarkshire - PACE

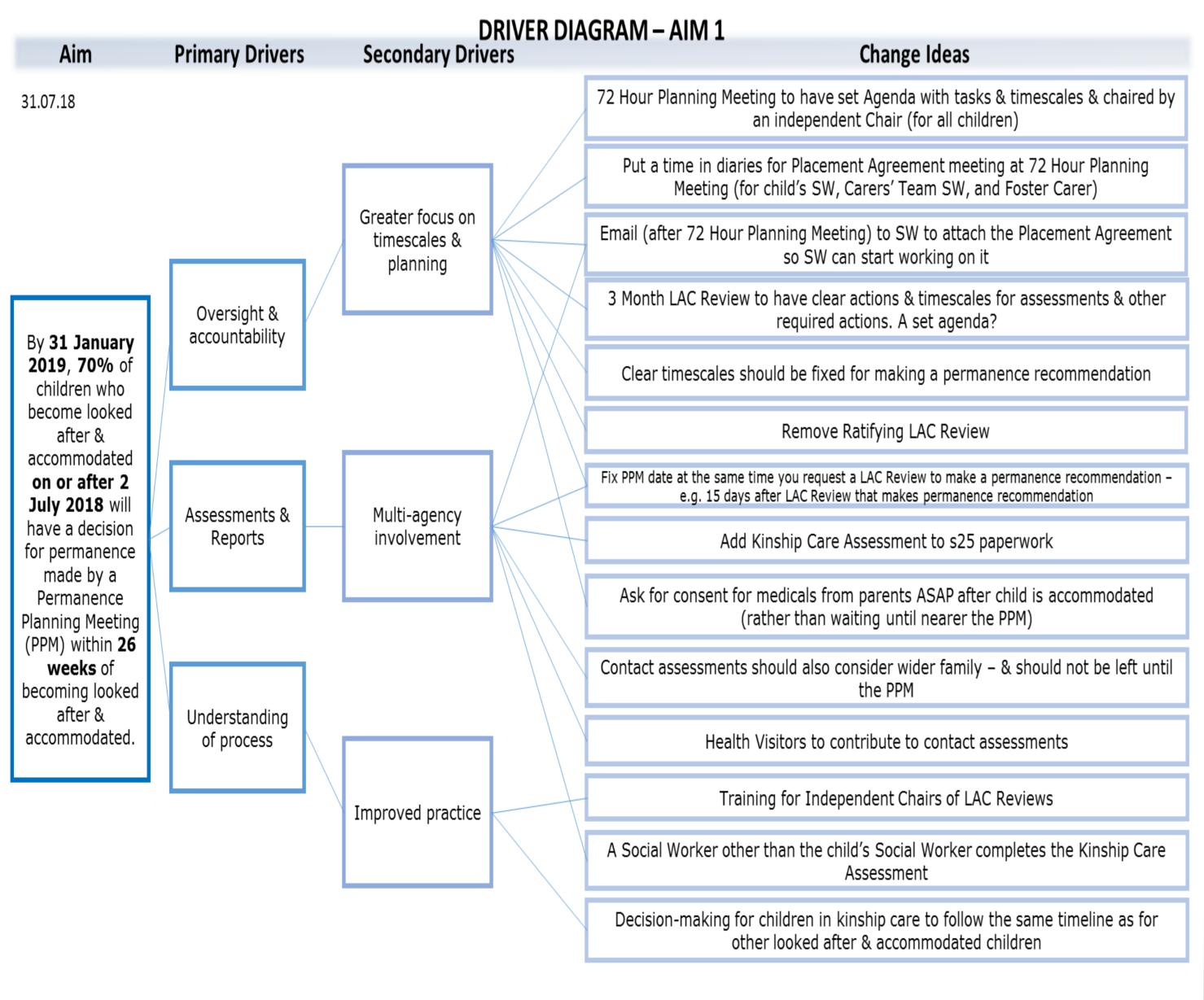
## Aims:

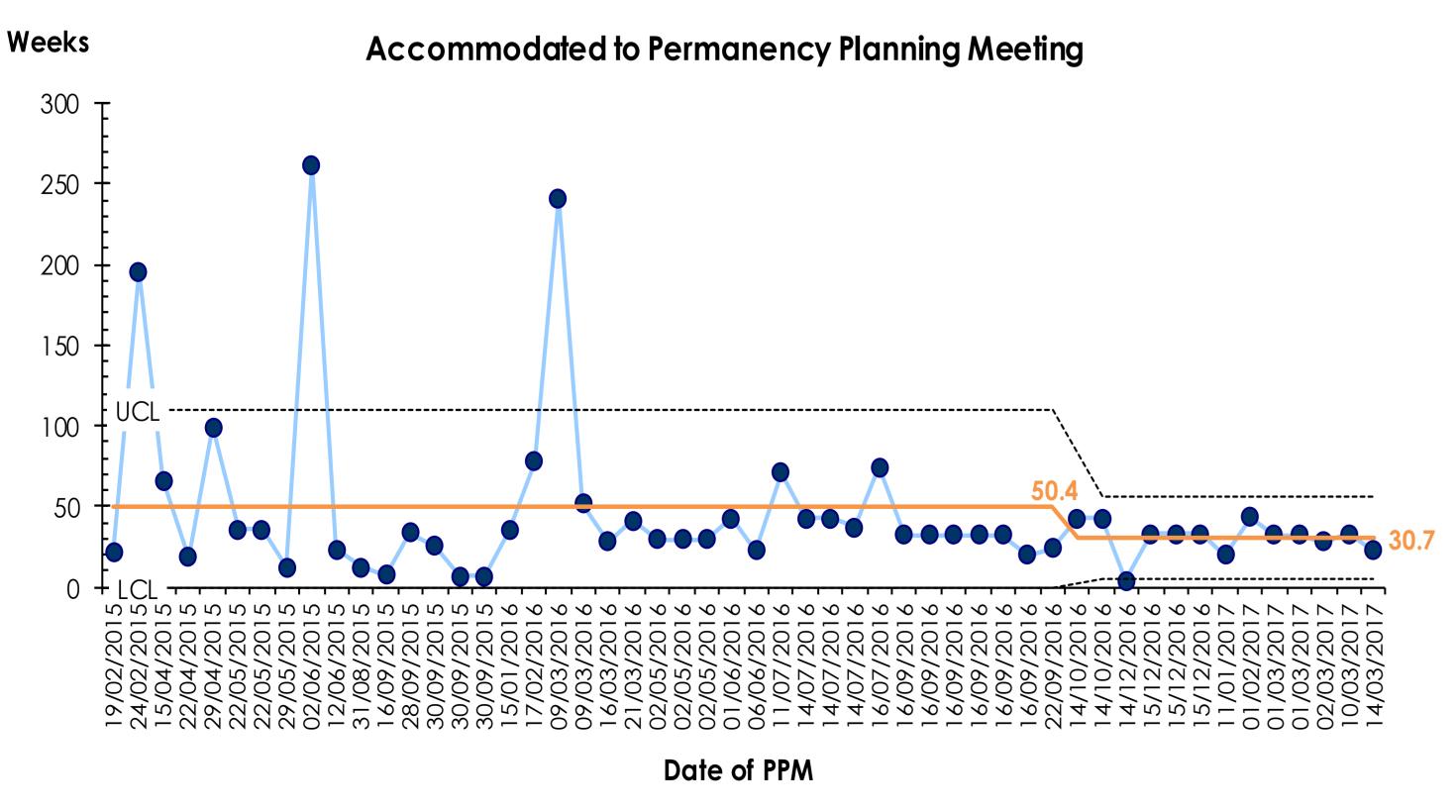
- 1. By 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019, 70% of children who become looked after & accommodated on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 will have a decision for permanence made by a Permanence Planning Meeting (PPM) within 26 weeks of becoming looked after & accommodated.
- 2. By X, X% of children who have a plan for PO, POA or a direct adoption, on or after X, will be presented to the Fostering, Adoption and Family Placement Panel within X weeks of their Permanence Planning Meeting.

\* We haven't put dates, timescales or % in to this yet as we wanted to see updated data. We now have and will be developing Aim 2 further.

## What have we done so far?

- Process Mapped our key parts of the permanence process
- Developed and revised Aim1
- Continuing to identify and develop tests for change





Aim 1 data (excluding kinship and rehabilitation pathways)

Note that anyone with an adoption order is discharged, so won't be included in this data

## **Key Learning Points**

- Importance of good links between administration processes and social work practice
- Importance of performance data to inform how well our systems are working and to assist in development of new tests of change

## Achievements

- Undertook 2 tests of change whereby independent
   assessors completed kinship care assessments, ensuring a
   more independent assessment and freeing up time to allow
   the child's social worker time to focus on work with the child
   and parents
- Several permanency planning meetings have been held in respect of children in kinship care placements which has improved timescales for permanence decision making, reducing drift
- All six social work localities are now involved in PACE, developing and taking forward tests of change and improvements
- A specific agenda for the 72 hour planning meeting has introduced consistency at an early stage in planning for children

## **Next Steps**

- Working on developing Aim 2
- Looking to refocus our permanence tracking meetings to ensure they are more outcome focused
- Tightening up the processes by improving the support and supervision of workers with regard to the completion of permanence reports