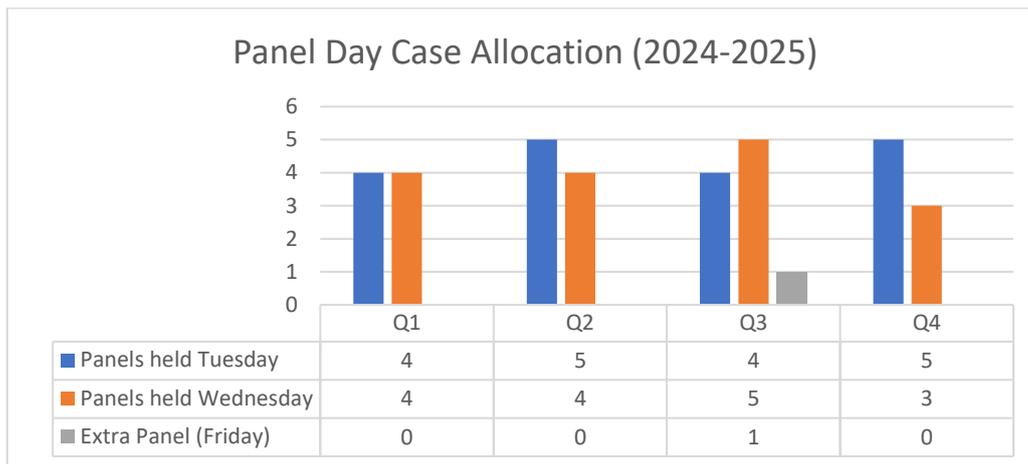


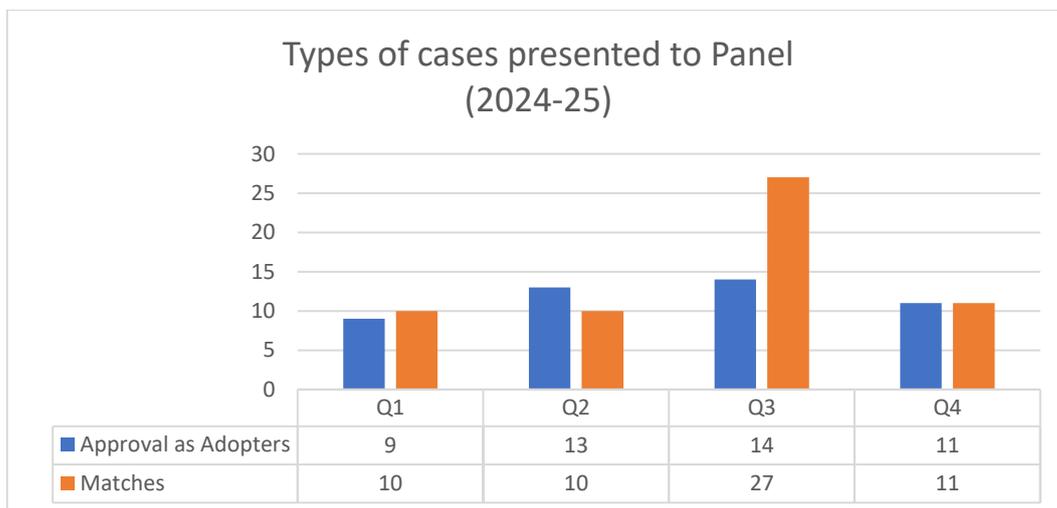
Appendix 4 Adoption Panel

The cases outlined relate to the number presented to the Adoption Panel during 2024-25. These figures will differ slightly from the final approved/matched decisions for the year due to ratifications which may take place as the next financial year commences.

44 Panels were scheduled for the period April 2024 to March 2025 and in total **35** proceeded. Panels were cancelled due to no cases to proceed.

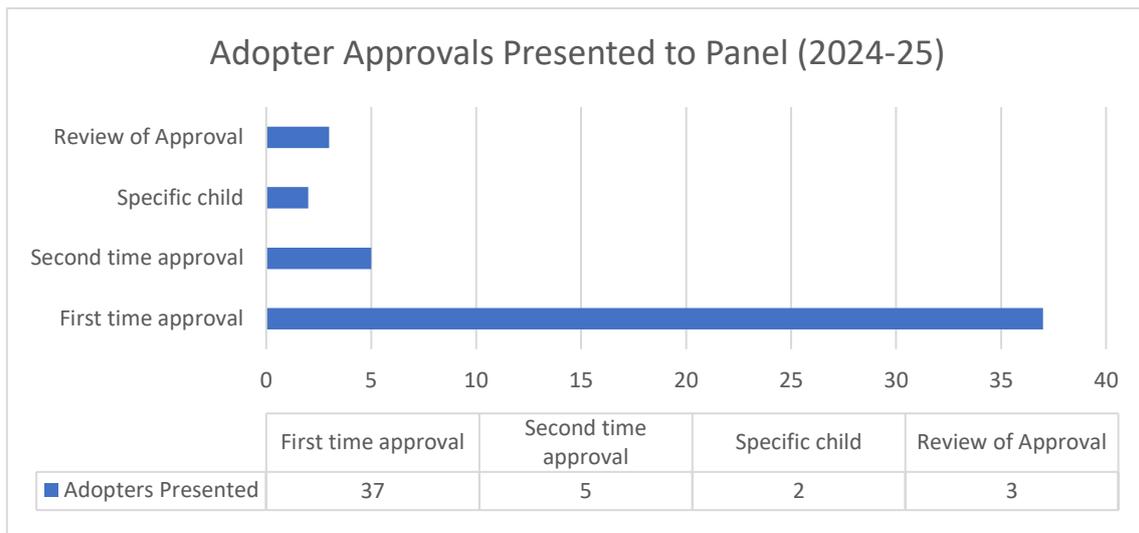


93 cases were presented to panel, **41** cases were for adopter approvals and **51** cases were for the matching of children with prospective adopters. **1** case related with a relinquished child where Panel were being asked to consider whether to recommend a Should be Adopted decision.



Adopters

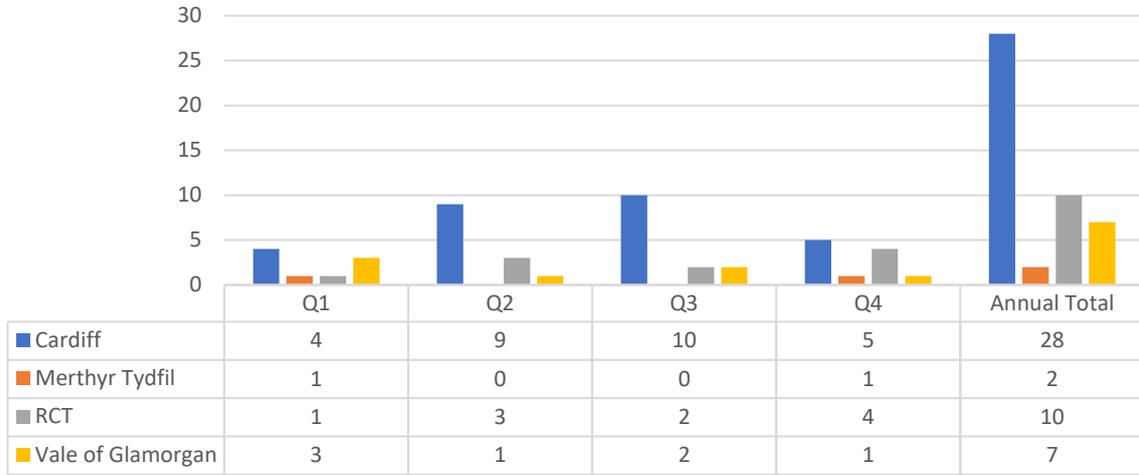
The total number of ratified approvals for 2024/25 was 44. Of these, 4 approvals recommendations were made during Q4 of 2023/24 but were ratified during Q1 of this reporting year. Equally 1 approval recommendation was made during Q4 of this reporting year and was ratified during Q1 of 2025/26. Of the **44** households approved during 2024/25, **18** related to second time approvals. Of those **19** second time approvals, **8** related to specific child assessments i.e. seeking to adopt siblings to existing adopted children. **3** adoptive households were presented to Panel for a specific child i.e. foster carers wishing to adopt specific children already in their care. The remaining **22** approvals related to first time applications.



Approvals by Local Authority

50% (22) of approvals were ratified by Cardiff Council, **29.5%** (13) of approvals were ratified by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and **20.4%** (9) of approvals were ratified by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. There for **0** approvals for residents of Merthyr Tydfil.

Adopter Approvals presented by Local Authority (2024-25)



Matches by Local Authority

58 matches were presented to the Panel during the reporting period broken down as follows: **55.2%** Cardiff, **10.4%** Merthyr Tydfil CBC, **17.2%** Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, and **17.2%** Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Matches presented by Local Authority (2024-25)

