# CHILDREN'S SERVICES

# **Children Looked After Business Unit Report**

Monthly Report (February 2009)





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Timeliness of Placement: has shown improvement since it's drop to 89% in Q2 and currently stands at 92.6% ending January 2009.

Long Term Stability of Placement of CLA: has shown improvement since its drop to 63.7% in 08/09 Q1 and is currently at 68.3% (end 08/09 Q3)

CLA Placed outside 20 miles radius of their home address: This has been below it's target of 8% throughout the financial year and is currently at 4.8%

Number of CLA Adoptions & SGOs: There was a total of 44 adoptions in the whole of 2007/08; a 10.1% rate of all CLA for more than one year, which was above the statistical neighbour average of 9.5% and we currently have 45 adoptions and special guardianship orders (SGOs) Year To Date (April 08 – Jan 09)

% CLA adopted from Looked After Care: has shown improvement over the year and with a current figure of 7.2% end 08/09 Quarter 3; expected to therefore exceed it's target of 7.5% at year end.

Care Leavers in EET: A great increase in the number of care leavers reaching 19 (from April 1st to Date) compared with the slower trend of CLA in EET, hence the drop from 07/08 outturn of 67.5% to 48.1%. Target is 68%. However, we know that there is a major national down turn in employment.

Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation: Again the number of CLA in suitable accommodation does not match up with the number of care leavers reaching 19 (from April 1st to Date). Drop from 91.6% n 07/08 outturn to 75.3%, 07/08 SN is 91.1%

CLA Placed within 7 miles radius of their home address: This has been steady at 64% since November 08 and there is therefore great concern as 07/08 Target was 70%

ONS mid year population estimates for 2007 have been published, which show a 212 increase in the 0-17 Southwark population to 54,522. 2007/08 end of year outturns have been revised to reflect the new population data. 2008/09 figures also use the 2007 population figures but will be updated when the 2008 populations are published in 2009.

2007-08 Statistical Neighbour (SN) averages and England averages have been published and are now reflected in this scorecard

NFER statistical neighbours (SN) for Southwark [Note that the NFER's Children's Services statistical neighbours benchmarking groups were published in Feb 2007 and are designed to be used across all children's services data] Hackney, Lambeth, Haringey, Islington, Lewisham, Hammersmith and Fulham, Greenwich, Waltham Forest, Camden and Newham

**YOT families - Youth Offending data** 

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Areas of Concern

Ones to Watch

Lambeth, Hackney, Islington, Lewisham, Haringey, Tower Hamlets & City of London, Greenwich, Hammersmith and Fulham, Camden

This report shows monthly trends and Southwark's progress towards 2006/07 targets set as part of the Annual Performance Assessment (APA), Joint Area Review (JAR) and Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP). t is an aid to monitor performance through out the year and identify areas for improvement.

Data in this report is from the latest available Children's Management Information bulletin produced by Liza Bahula.

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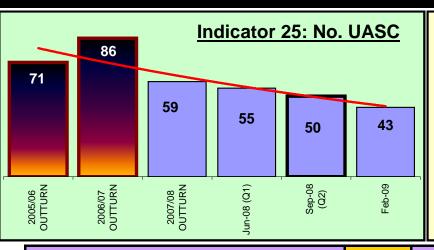
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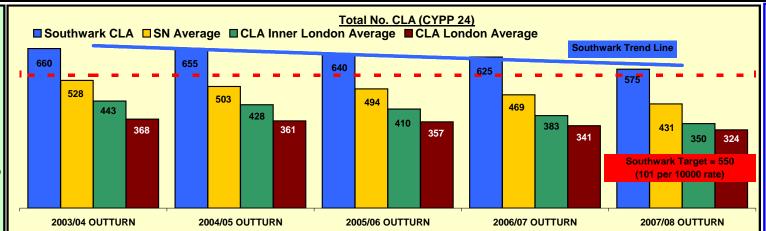
# **Summary Page of National Indicators**

This report includes updates on the children's social care indicators in the 198 National Indicator set.

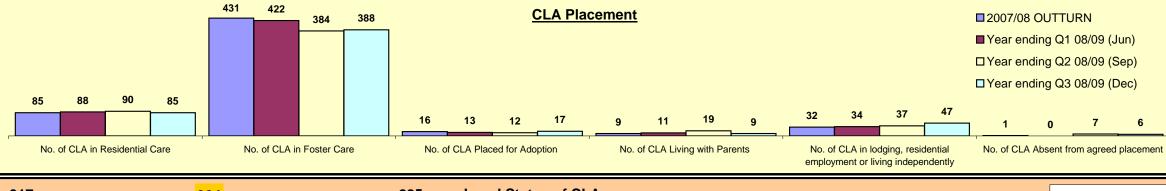
National Indicator	Description	2007/08 OUTTURN	Year ending Apr 08		Year ending Q1 08/09 (Jun)	Year ending Jul 08	Year ending Aug 08	Year ending Q2 08/09 (Sep)	Year ending Oct 08	Year ending Nov 08	Year ending Q3 08/09 (Dec)	Year ending Jan 09	Year ending Feb 09	Progress	On Track with Target?	2008/09 Draft Target	2007-08 SN & Eng	Current Performance against comparator	Indicator Ref	Page
							So	ocial Care	15 Indicat	ors)										
NI 61	% of LAC adopted during the year placed for adoption within 12 months of best interest decision being made (similar to old APA PI 2058SC but excludes children who were placed within 12 months of decision, but whose placement for adoption broke down before being adopted)	New			90.9%		88.2%	89.5%	90.0%	90.0%	91.3%	92.6%	Data unavailable		N/A	TBA	SN 65% Eng 76.3%	N/A	18	6
NI 62	% of CLA with 3 or more placements (old PAF A1)	12.2%	11.3%	9.7%	9.3%	9.7%	10.1%	10.9%	12.8%	12.8%	10.9%	12.3%	12.3%	<b>↑</b>	GREEN	12% (CYPP)	SN 11% Eng 11%	AMBER	39	9
NI 63	New PAF D78: % of LAC under 16yrs old who have been looked after for 2.5+ yrs & have been living in the same placement for 2+yrs, or who are placed for adoption (PSA target) (NI 63 from May 08 - their adoptive placement together with their previous placement together last for at least 2 years)	70.2%	64.4%	64.9% (NI 63 def)	63.7% (NI 63 def)	61.46% (NI 63 def)	62.83% (NI 63 def)	68.62% (NI 63 def)	69.78% (NI 63 def)	67.21% (NI 63 def)	68.62% (NI 63 def)	67.03% (NI 63 def)	67.03% (NI 63 def)	<b>↑</b>	GREEN	70% (?)	SN 68.0% Eng 66.5%	N/A	40	9
NI 66	Timeliness of reviews for LAC (old PAF C68)	95.5%						Annual Figu	ıre						N/A	TBA	SN 94% Eng 90%	N/A	47	10
NI 71	Children who have run away from home/care overnight								Not a	vailable ui	ntil 2010/11	I							48	10
NI 99	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2 PSA 11 LAA	91.6%															50% (17 out of 34)		53	10
NI 100	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2 PSA 11 LAA	67.5%		Annual Figure										N/A	NEW PI	50% (17 out of 34)	N/A	54	10	
NI 10	Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 including English and Maths) PSA 11 LAA	67.5%		10.5% (6 of 57)										52	10					
NI 147	Care leavers in suitable accommodation (old APA PI 5037SC)	91.6%	N	lot Availal	ble	90.9%	90.0%	95.6%	94.3%	93.1%	85.5%	79.2%	75.3%	¥	N/A	TBA	SN 91.1% Eng 88.4%	RED	29	7
NI 148	% of Care leavers in employment, Education or training (EET) (not expressed as a ratio as in old PAF A4) <b>LAA</b>	67.5%	Not Av	ailable	68.0%	55.0%	52.5%	57.8%	62.3%	69.0%	56.5%	51.9%	48.1%	•	RED	68%		N/A	28	7

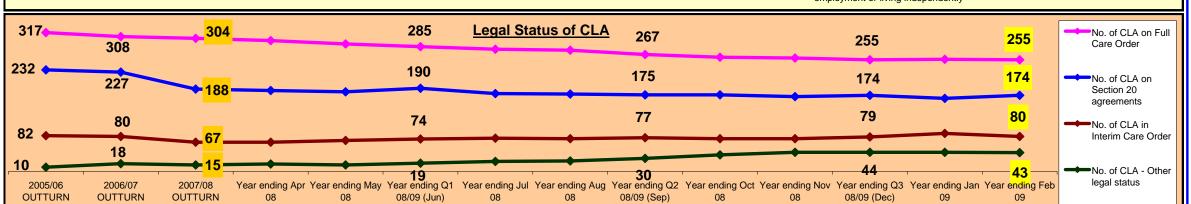
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	Description	2007/08 OUTTURN	Year ending Apr 08	Year ending May 08	Year ending Q1 08/09 (Jun)	Year ending Jul 08	Year ending Aug 08	Year ending Q2 08/09 (Sep)	Year ending Oct 08	Year ending Nov 08	Year ending Q3 08/09 (Dec)	Year ending Jan 09	Year ending Feb 09	Trend
				Number	rs - Accom	nodation o	f CLA							
1	No. of CLA in Residential Care	85	94	86	88	89	91	90	90	87	85	87	81	<b>1</b>
2	No. of CLA in Foster Care	431	411	417	422	402	390	384	379	379	388	388	390	<b>→</b>
3	of which no. in Agency Foster Placements	88	77	78	79	76	75	73	72	74	76	75	Data unavailable	N/A
4	No. of CLA Placed for Adoption	16	15	12	13	15	16	12	14	16	17	17	18	<b>→</b>
5	No. of CLA Living with Parents	9	10	10	11	17	16	19	17	13	9	13	13	<b>4</b>
n	No. of CLA in lodging, residential employment or living independently	32	37	34	34	29	36	37	42	48	47	48	49	<b>^</b>
7	No. of CLA Absent from agreed placement	1	1	0	0	4	4	7	7	6	6	1	1	<b>1</b>
8	Total No. CLA	574	568	559	568	556	553	549	549	549	552	554	552	个
9	No. of Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children	59	59	55	55	49	45	50	47	47	43	41	41	4
	Legal Status of Children Looked After													
	No. of CLA on Section 20 agreements	188	185	182	190	178	177	175	175	171	174	167	174	<b>1</b>
	No. of CLA on Full Care Order	304	299	291	285	279	277	267	261	259	255	256	255	<b>+</b>
	No. of CLA in Interim Care Order	67	67	71	74	76	75	77	75	75	79	87	80	Ψ.
13	No. of CLA - Other legal status	15	17	15	19	23	24	30	38	44	44	44	43	<b>4</b>





\* Note: New DCSF placement codes from 01/04/2008. Will have to wait for the CareFirst upgrade which is held up re. technical reasons, to say whether in or out of borough as it's another new DCSF way of doing things

## Total No. CLA (CYPP 24) Indicator 8

This Indicator has remained steady within 549 and 554 since Q2 08/09 and currently we have 552 Children Looked After; a 101.2 per 10,000 under 18 population rate (Indicator 14), well within our Target of 101. Although this PI has shown great improvement from previous years down from 660 in 2003/04 outturn, however the rate still stands high compared to it's SN of 87

### No. of CLA in Residential Care Indicator 1

This Indicator has shown a steady drop to 85 in Q3 from its steady rise to 90 in Q2 and is currently down to 81 reducing % of CLA in residential accommodation (Indicator 15) to 14.7% end Feb 09 from 16.4% in Q2

# No. of CLA in Foster Care Indicator 2

This PI has increased to 390 from 384 in Q2.

# No. of CLA Living with Parents Indicator 5

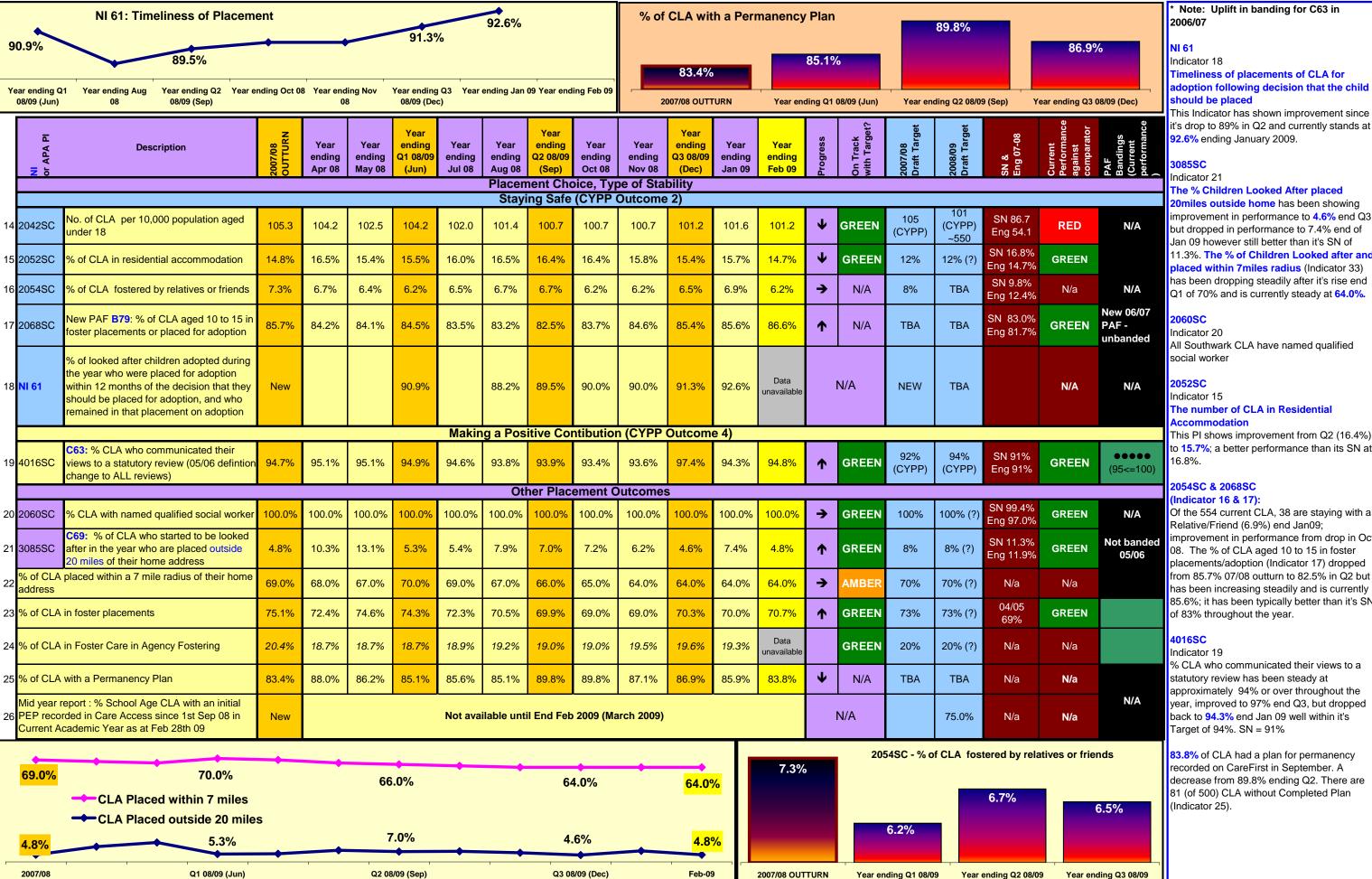
This PI has improved steadily from 19 end Q2 to 17 in October to 9 in Q3 08/09. Currently 13 end Feb 09.

### No. of CLA Placed for Adoption Indicator 4

The no. of CLA placed for adoption has increased from 12 end Q2 to 14 in October and currently 18 end Feb 09, while % of CLA adopted from LA care (Indicator 46) is currently 9.0% which is below SN = 9.5%.

# No. of UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children) Indicator 25

From 86 end 2006/07 outturn to a fall in 2007/08 outturn of to 59. It has continued to drop throughout the year and is currently steady at 41 Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children.



2007/08 OUTTURN

Year ending Q1 08/09

(Jun)

Year ending Q2 08/09

(Sep)

Year ending Q3 08/09

(Dec)

Timeliness of placements of CLA for adoption following decision that the child

This Indicator has shown improvement since it's drop to 89% in Q2 and currently stands at

The % Children Looked After placed Omiles outside home has been showing improvement in performance to 4.6% end Q3 but dropped in performance to 7.4% end of Jan 09 however still better than it's SN of 11.3%. The % of Children Looked after and placed within 7miles radius (Indicator 33) has been dropping steadily after it's rise end Q1 of 70% and is currently steady at 64.0%.

All Southwark CLA have named qualified

The number of CLA in Residential

to 15.7%; a better performance than its SN at

Of the 554 current CLA, 38 are staying with a Relative/Friend (6.9%) end Jan09; improvement in performance from drop in Oct 08. The % of CLA aged 10 to 15 in foster placements/adoption (Indicator 17) dropped from 85.7% 07/08 outturn to 82.5% in Q2 but has been increasing steadily and is currently 85.6%; it has been typically better than it's SN of 83% throughout the year.

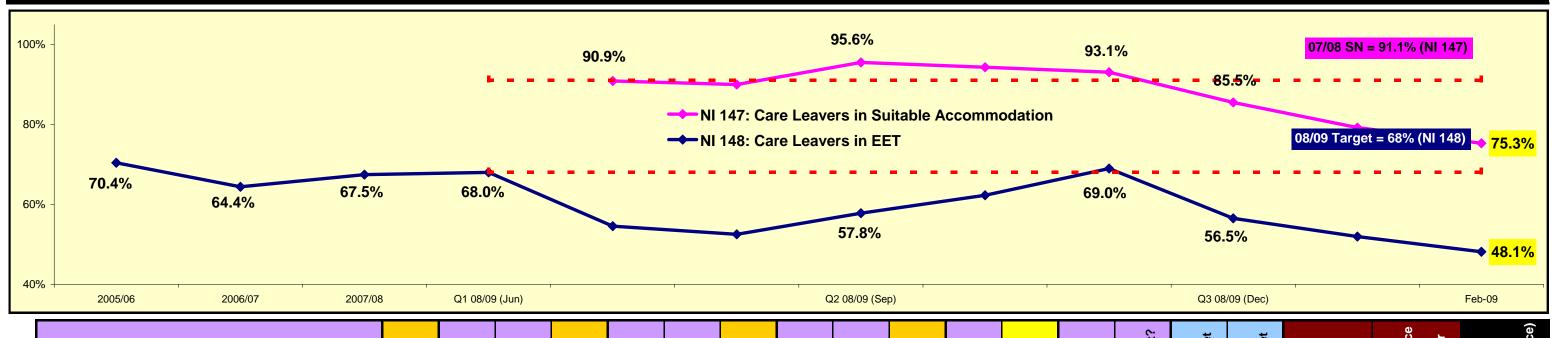
% CLA who communicated their views to a statutory review has been steady at approximately 94% or over throughout the year, improved to 97% end Q3, but dropped back to 94.3% end Jan 09 well within it's

83.8% of CLA had a plan for permanency recorded on CareFirst in September. A decrease from 89.8% ending Q2. There are 81 (of 500) CLA without Completed Plan

OUTTURN

Q1 08/09 (Jun)

Q2 08/09 (Sep)



	NI or APA PI	Description	2007/08 OUTTURN	Year Year ending ending Apr 08 May 08		ending	Year ending Aug 08	(Sep)	_	Nov 08		ending	Year ending Feb 09	0	On Track with Target?	2007/08 Draft Target	2008/09 Draft Target	SN & Eng 07-08	Current Performance against comparator	PAF Bandings (Current performance
						Ach	nieving Ed	conomic W	Vellbeing	(CYPP Ou	utcome 5)									
27	5022SC	A4: Care leavers in employment, education or training at age 19 (New definition 2004/05) - Ratio against population in EET	0.87 (revised)	Not Available	0.88	0.70	0.68	0.74	0.80	0.89	0.73	0.67	0.62	<b>→</b>	RED	1.0 (CYPP)	1.0 (CYPP)	SN 0.85 Eng 0.78	RED	(0.60+)
28	NI 14X	% of Care leavers in employment, education or training LAA	67.5%		68.0%	54.5%	52.5%	57.8%	62.3%	69.0%	56.5%	51.9%	48.1%	<b>→</b>	RED		68%		N/A	N/A
29	NI 147 5037SC	Care leavers in suitable accommodation	91.6%	Not Availa	ble	90.9%	90.0%	95.6%	94.3%	93.1%	85.5%	79.2%	75.3%	<b>+</b>	N/A		ТВА	SN 91.1% Eng 88.4%	RED	NA

#### Care Leavers in EET (National Indicator 148) Indicator 28

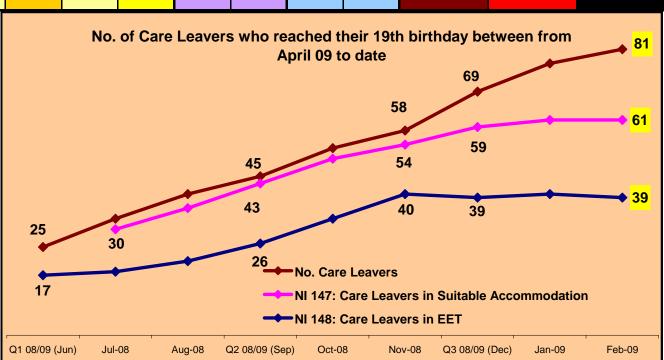
Although there has been a more aggressive increase in the trend of Care Leavers reaching their 19th birthday (between April 1st 2008 to date) since November 2008, this is not being matched in increase of the numbers in Education, Employment or Training, therefore the drop in performance of this Indicator. This has dropped from 69.0% (40 in EET of 58 Care Leavers) in November 2008 to currently 48.1% (39 in EET of 81 care leavers) end Feb 09.

#### Care Leavers in EET Ratio against Population in EET (5022SC) Indicator 27

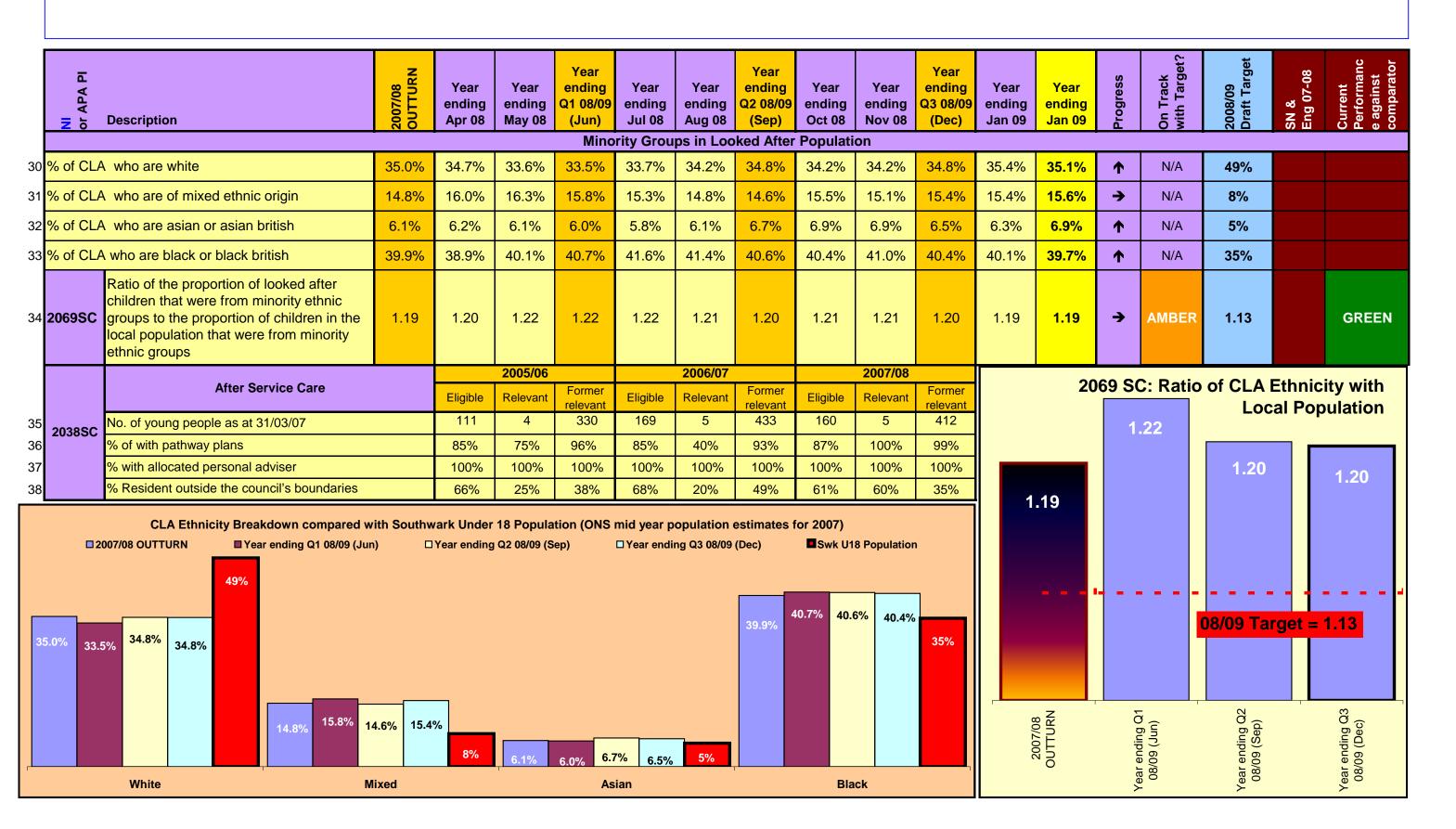
Due to this, we are also below the (improved) Southwark population of the same age group in EET, published for 2007 at 77.71% - a ratio of 0.62

#### Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation (National Indicator 147) Indicator 29

Again the number of care leavers in suitable accommodation has not matched the increase in the number of Care leavers reaching their 19th birthday (between April 1st 2008 to date), thus this indicator has also seen a drop and it is currently at 75.3% (61 in suitable accommodation of 81 care leavers) from it's financial year high of 95.6% (43 in suitable accommodation of 45 care leavers) in 08/09 Q2.

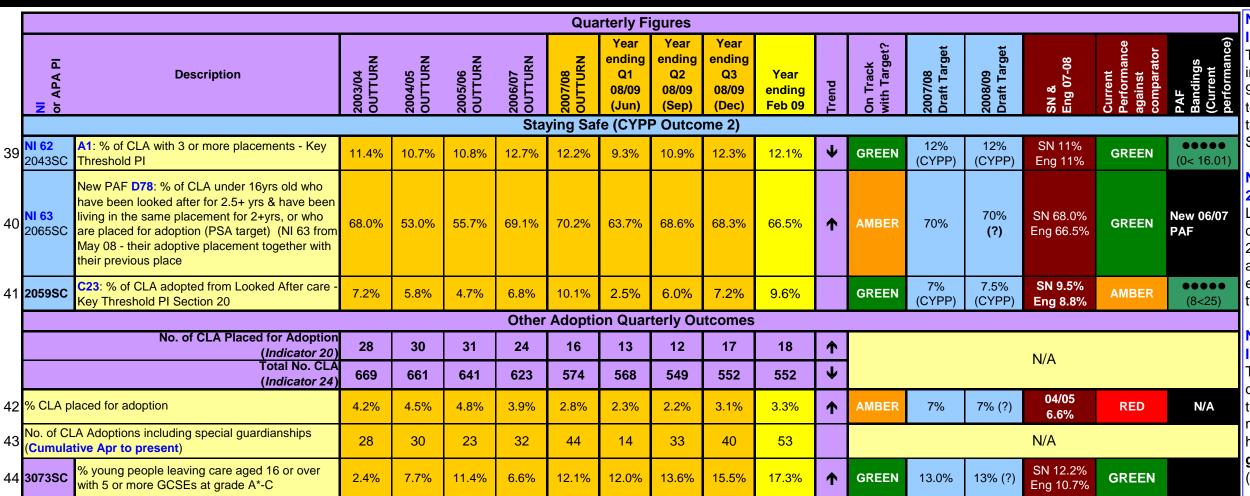


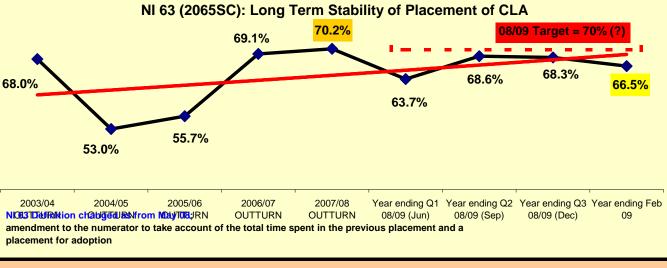
Data is compared with ONS mid year population estimates for 2007

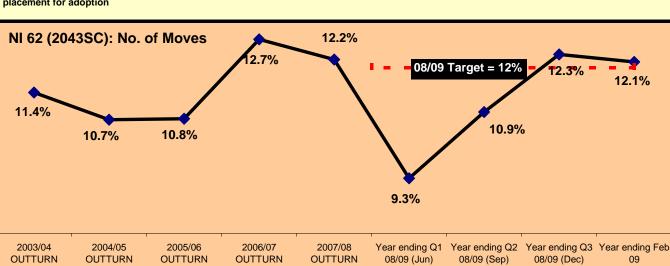


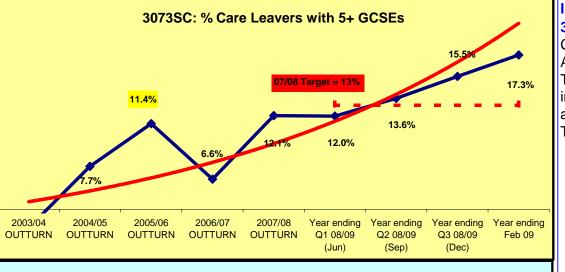
2007/08 OUTTURN

Q1 08/09 (Jun)











Q2 08/09 (Sep)

Q3 08/09 (Dec)

Feb-09

### NI 62

#### **Indicator 39**

The number of CLA with 3 or more placement improved from its performance in 07/08 to 9.3% in Q1, but has shown a steady increase to 12.3 (08/09 Q3), however well within it's target of 12%, but slightly worse than its 07/08 SN of 11%

#### NI 63 2065SC, Indicator 40

Long Term Stability of Placement of CLA of the 180 under 16 year olds looked after for 2-1/2yrs, there were 123 living in the same accommodation for 2 years plus (68.3%) ending Q3; slightly below in performance of the Target (70%)

# Number of Adoptions & SGOs Indicator 43

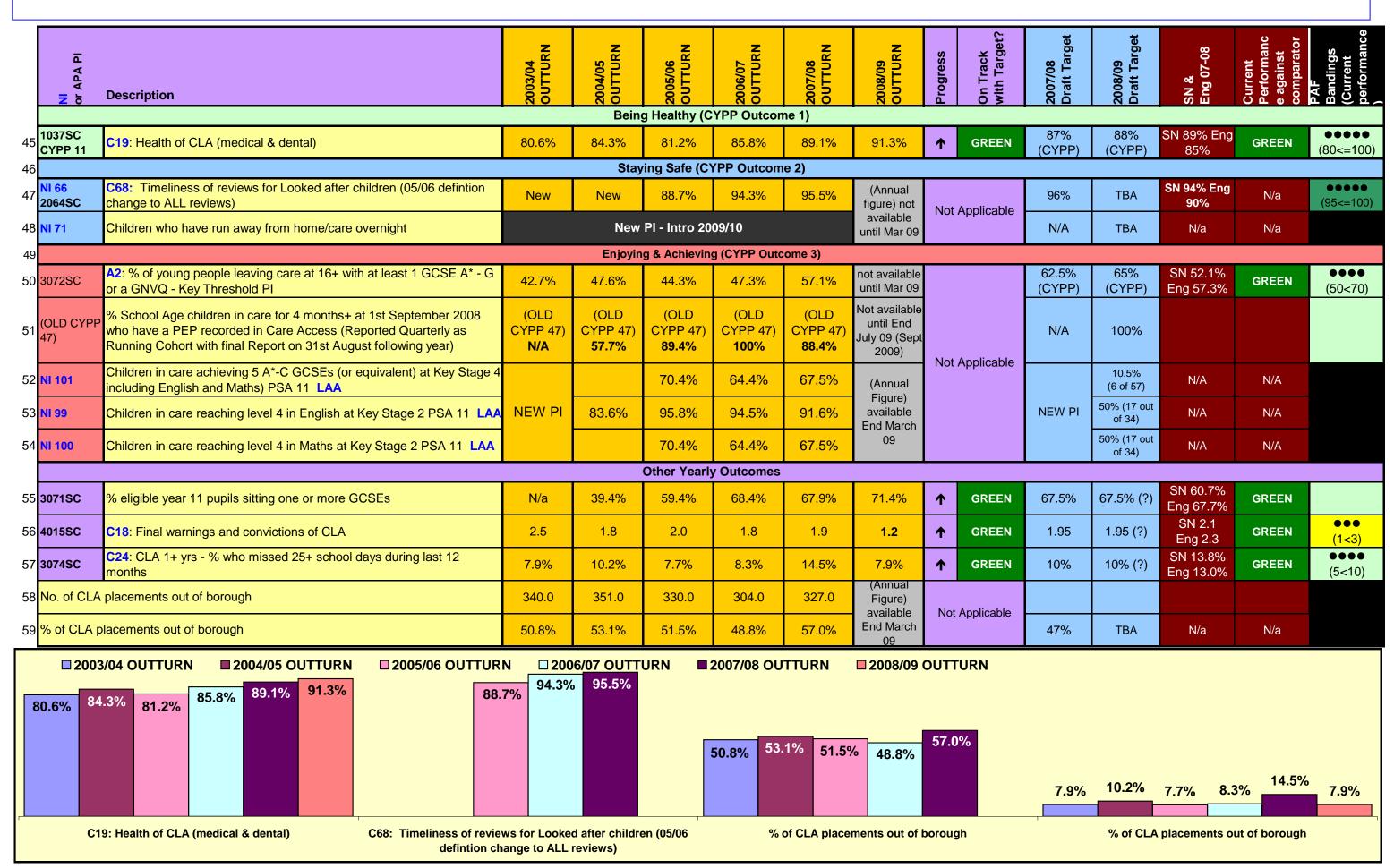
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#### **Indicator 44**

3073 SC: % Care leavers with 5+ GCSEs
Care Leavers with 5 or more GCSEs at Grade
A\* - C

This Indicator has typically shown improvement over the years and is currently at 17.3% end Feb 09, exceeding its 07/08 Target and SN average of 13% and 12.2%.

**Annual Figures** 



# Glossary

N/A	Not applicable
ТВА	To Be Advised
A	Annual
СРР	Children with a Child Protection Plan

	Note: These are internal judgements on progress, not official CSCI/Ofsted bandings.							
Current Per	rformance against SN Comparator	On Track?	Progress	Trend from last	Southwark 0-17 population (mid 2007 Population estimates) used for 2007/08 (also used for 08/09 until mid-2008 pop published)			
RED	Current performance is <b>worse</b> than 06-07 SN performance	Current performance is <b>off target</b> and a cause for concern	<b>↑</b>	Increase	mid 2006 Population estimates used for 2006/07	54,310		
AMBER	Current performance is in line with 06-07 SN performance	Current performance is off target but not a cause for concern	<b>→</b>	Same	mid 2005 Population estimates used for 2005/06	54,580		
GREEN	Current performance is <b>better</b> than 06-07 SN performance	Current performance on track to meet target	<b>V</b>	Decrease	mid 2004 Population estimates used for 2004/05	55,079		

Ψ	Latest available data has dropped from previous performance
<b>^</b>	Latest available data has improved from previous performance
<b>→</b>	Latest available data has remained constant
!	Data quality warning: is being investigated for completeness/ accuracy
?	Data warning: is being investigated
Α	Annual
СРР	Children with a Child Protection Plan
EET	In Education, Employment or Training
N/A	Not available
NA	Not applicable
NEET	Not in Education, Employment or Training
р	Provisional data
SN	Statistical Neighbour
TBA	To be Advised
TBE	To be Established
YOT	Youth Offending Team
YTD	Year To Date

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