

<b>Item No.</b> 10.	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 10 November 2010	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Children looked after with 3 or more placements	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the committee considers the report as set out in Appendix 1 on children in care with 3 or more placements and raises any comments at the meeting.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. This report was produced to gain an insight into children in care with 3 or more placements.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

3. As at 12<sup>th</sup> October there were 546 children in care at Southwark of which 27 had 3 or more placements.
4. Age of children in care with 3 or more placements differed from all children in care with a higher proportion of children aged 6 or under.
5. There were a higher proportion of girls in care with 3 or more placements compared to boys.
6. A quarter of children in care with 3 or more placements were white British.
7. Compared with all children in care a higher proportion of children in care with 3 or more placements were on interim care orders and a lower proportion on full care orders.
8. Placement type of children in care with 3 or more placements was similar to all children in care.
9. A high proportion of children care with 3 or more placements have been in care for less than 1 year.
10. Of those children in care with 3 or more placements on interim care orders most of the children were aged under 6 and were in care for a year or less.

## **Policy implications**

11. This decision has been judged to have no policy implications.

## Community impact statement

12. The decision to note this performance report has been judged to have no or a very small impact on local people and communities. Clearly the quality of these services has a big impact on children looked after from all communities.

## Resource implications

13. This decision has no resource implications.

## Consultation

14. The management teams of Children's Safeguarding and Specialist Services have discussed the analysis set out in this report.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Minutes of meetings of Corporate Parenting Committee	Constitutional Team 160 Tooley Street SE1 5LX	Bola Roberts 020 7525 7232

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Children in Care with 3 or more placements
Appendix 2	NI 62 Definition

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	No	No
Finance Director	No	No
List other officers here	No	No
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Yes	Yes
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