

## Appendix 1

### Children in care with 3 or more placements

The following analysis is based on children in care with 3 or more placements since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 as at 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Note: analysis on all children in care includes those with 3 or more placements. As there are small numbers of children in care with 3 or more placements caution must be exercised when interpreting the data.

As at 12<sup>th</sup> October there were 546 children in care at Southwark of which 27 had 3 or more placements. Over half of the children in care with 3 or more placements were aged 6 or under (51.9%) and slightly under half were aged 12 or over (48.1%). This is different from all children in care where 25.5% were aged 6 or under, 18.3% were aged between 7 and 11 and 56.2% were aged above 12 currently.

Table 1 – Current age of children in care

(years)	All Children in care		Children in care with 3+ placements	
		%		%
0	29	5.3%	2	7.4%
1	33	6.0%	4	14.8%
2	16	2.9%	4	14.8%
3	14	2.6%	1	3.7%
4	15	2.7%	0	0.0%
5	18	3.3%	2	7.4%
6	14	2.6%	1	3.7%
7	21	3.8%	0	0.0%
8	18	3.3%	0	0.0%
9	16	2.9%	0	0.0%
10	20	3.7%	0	0.0%
11	25	4.6%	0	0.0%
12	25	4.6%	2	7.4%
13	40	7.3%	2	7.4%
14	34	6.2%	2	7.4%
15	52	9.5%	1	3.7%
16	74	13.6%	5	18.5%
17	81	14.8%	1	3.7%
18	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>

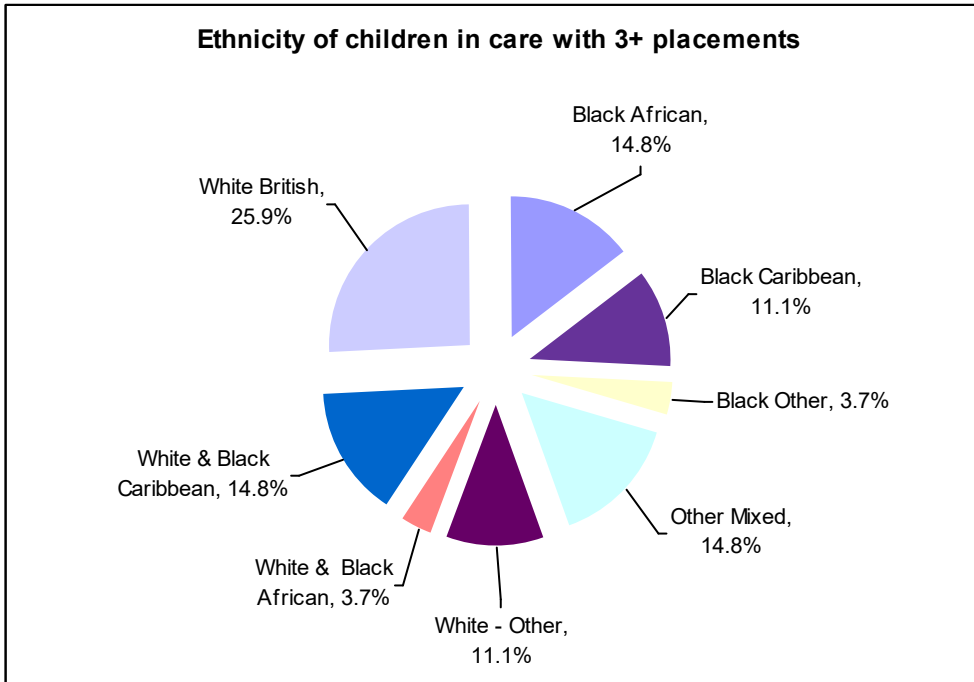
There were a higher proportion of boys in care compared to girls, however, for children in care with 3 or more placements this is the opposite with a higher proportion of girls compared to boys.

Table 2 – Gender of children in care

	Female	Male	All	% of All	
				Female	Male
All Children in care	230	316	546	42.1	57.9
Children in care with 3+ placements	16	11	27	59.3	40.7

A quarter of children in care with 3 or more placements were white British and 14.8% were black African, mixed white and black Caribbean and of other mixed backgrounds.

Figure 1 – Ethnicity of children in care with 3 or more placements



This is slightly different to the ethnicity of all children in care with a slightly lower proportion of black African and white British children in care with 3 or more placements and a considerably higher proportion of other mixed, other white and mixed white and black Caribbean ethnic backgrounds.

Figure 2 – Ethnic comparison of all children in care and children in care with 3 or more placements

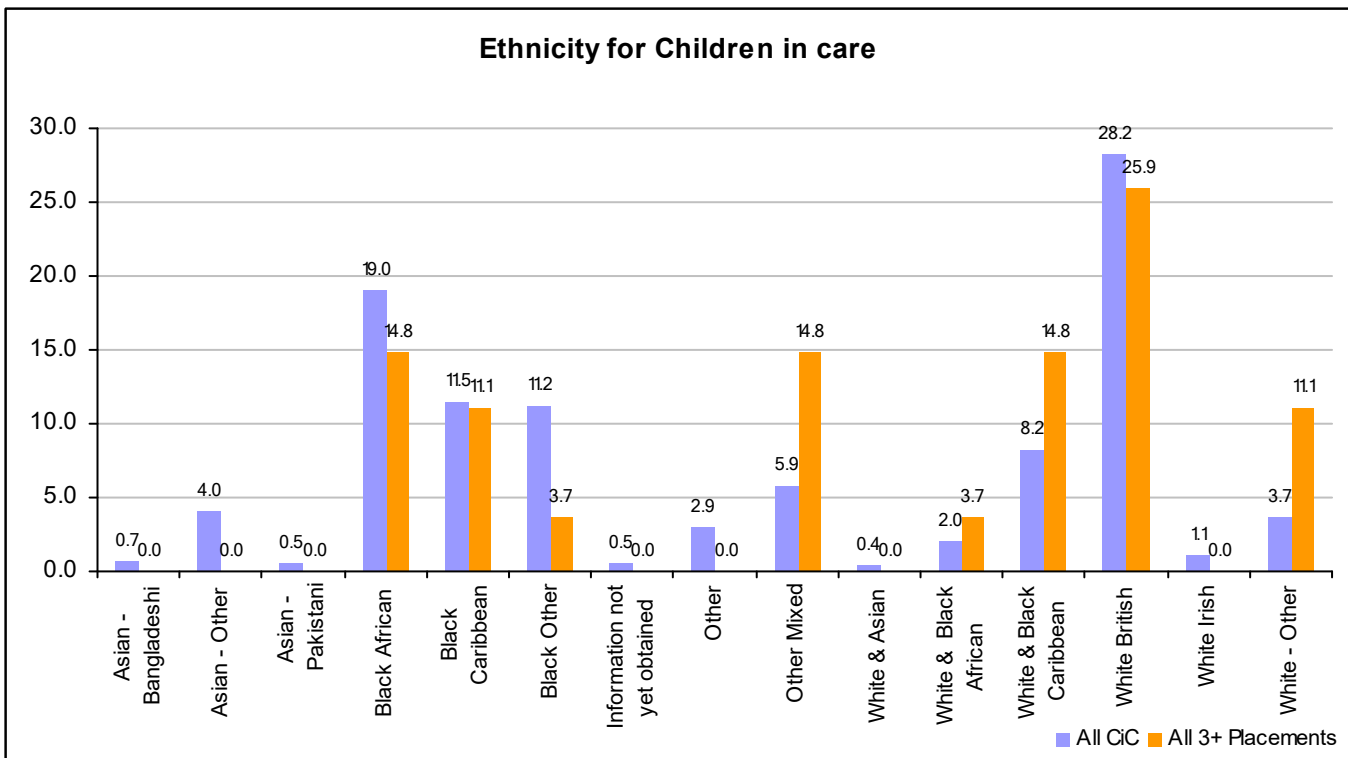


Table 3 – Ethnicity of children in care

	All Children in care		Children in care with 3+ placements	
	care	%	placements	%
Asian - Bangladeshi	4	0.7	0	0.0
Asian - Other	22	4.0	0	0.0
Asian - Pakistani	3	0.5	0	0.0
Black African	104	19.0	4	14.8
Black Caribbean	63	11.5	3	11.1
Black Other	61	11.2	1	3.7
Information not yet obtained	3	0.5	0	0.0
Other	16	2.9	0	0.0
Other Mixed	32	5.9	4	14.8
White & Asian	2	0.4	0	0.0
White & Black African	11	2.0	1	3.7
White & Black Caribbean	45	8.2	4	14.8
White British	154	28.2	7	25.9
White Irish	6	1.1	0	0.0
White - Other	20	3.7	3	11.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100</b>

A high proportion of children in care with 3 or more placements were on interim care orders (44.4%), which was nearly double the proportion of all children in care (18.9%). On the other hand only half of the children in care with 3 or more placements were on full care orders (18.5%) compared with all children in care (39.7%). A similar proportion of children in care with 3 or more placements were accommodated under section 20 (29.6%) as all children in care (30.4%).

Table 4 – Legal status of children in care

Legal Status	All Children in care		Children in care with 3+ placements	
	care	%	placements	%
Accomm under S20 (single period of accommodation)	166	30.4%	8	29.6%
Full Care Order	217	39.7%	5	18.5%
In LA on Remand or Committed for Trial/Sentence	8	1.5%	1	3.7%
Interim Care Order	103	18.9%	12	44.4%
Placement Order granted (adoption)	48	8.8%	1	3.7%
Subject to Emergency Protection Order	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Under Child Assessment Order in LA Accommodation	1	0.2%	0	0.0%
Under Police Protection in LA Accommodation	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>

The main placement type for children in care with 3 or more placements was foster placement with other foster carer (40.7%) followed by home or hostel subject to children's home (22.2%) and foster placement with relative or friend (11.1%). This was similar to the placement type of all children in care.

Figure 3 – Placement type of (a) Children in care with 3 or more placements (b) all children in care

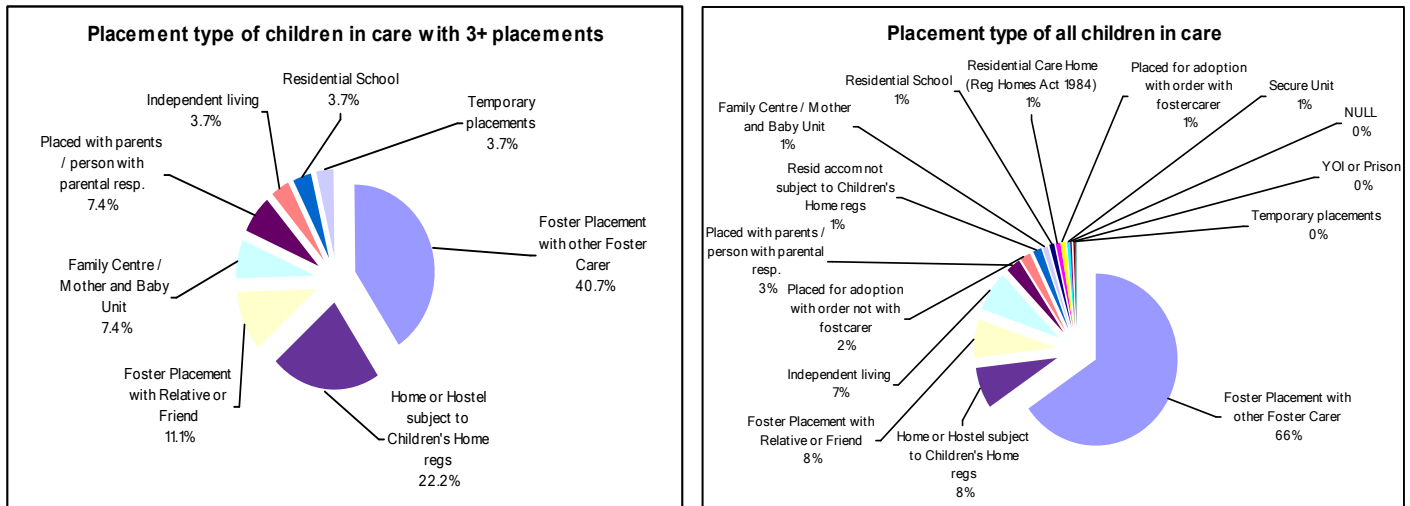
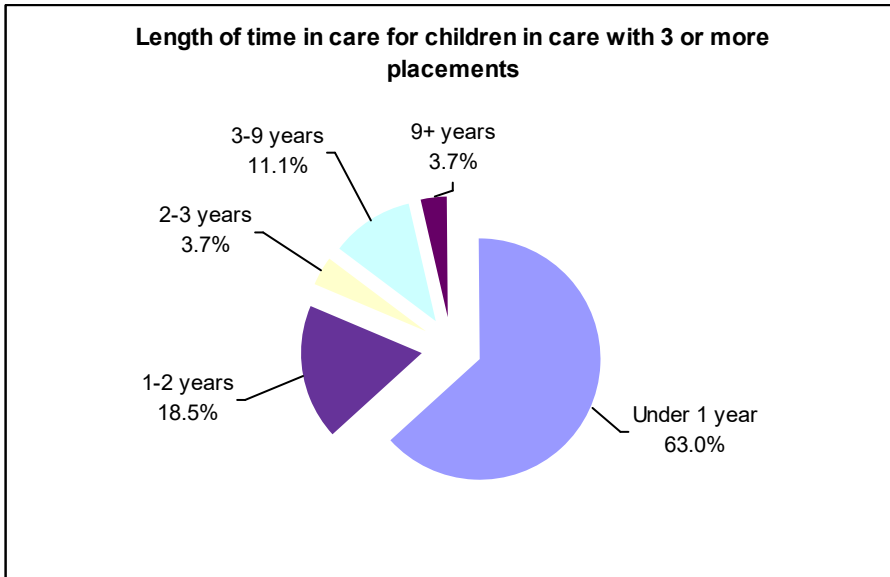


Table 5 – Placement type of children in care

	All Children in care		Children in care with 3+ placements	
		%		%
Family Centre / Mother and Baby Unit	7	1.3%	2	7.4%
Foster Placement with other Foster Carer	356	65.2%	11	40.7%
Foster Placement with Relative or Friend	41	7.5%	3	11.1%
Home or Hostel subject to Children's Home regs	43	7.9%	6	22.2%
Independent living	39	7.1%	1	3.7%
NULL	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
Placed for adoption with order not with fostercarer	11	2.0%	0	0.0%
Placed for adoption with order with fostercarer	4	0.7%	0	0.0%
Placed with parents / person with parental resp.	17	3.1%	2	7.4%
Residential School	6	1.1%	1	3.7%
Temporary placements	1	0.2%	1	3.7%
Resid accom not subject to Children's Home regs	8	1.5%	0	0.0%
Residential Care Home (Reg Homes Act 1984)	5	0.9%	0	0.0%
Secure Unit	4	0.7%	0	0.0%
YOI or Prison	2	0.4%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>100%</b>

A high proportion (63.0%) of children in care with 3 or more placements have been in care for under 1 year and nearly one fifth (18.5%) between one and two years.

Figure 4 – Length of time in care for children in for 3 or more placements



### Interim care orders

Of those 12 children in care with 3 or more placements on interim care orders most of the children (83.3%) were aged under 6. Most of these children were also in care for a year or under (83.3%).

Current age (years)	Children in care with 3+ placements	%
0	2	16.7%
1	2	16.7%
2	3	25.0%
3	1	8.3%
5	2	16.7%
13	1	8.3%
15	1	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>

Length of time in care (years)	Children in care with 3+ placements	%
0.25	2	16.7%
0.42	4	33.3%
0.50	2	16.7%
1.00	2	16.7%
1.17	1	8.3%
1.42	1	8.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>

A high proportion of the placement type of these 12 children is foster placements, either with other foster carer (41.7%) or with a relative or friend (25.0%).

