

APPENDIX 1

Stay safe performance update: Looked after children

NI 62 – Looked after children with 3 or more placements

Current performance shows 9.3% of looked after children had 3 or more placements. This is an improvement on last year's performance (14.9%) and in line with national (10.9%) end of year 2009/10.

NI 63 – Length of placement for looked after children

As at 20th March 2011 68.8% of looked after children who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years, or were placed for adoption. Southwark's performance is now below last year's performance (72.8%) but remains slightly above national (68%) end of year 2009/10 performance.

NI 66 – CLA cases reviewed within timescales

A high proportion of reviews have been completed on time as at 20th March 2011 but tracking reports are overestimating the proportion of CLA cases that are reviewed within timescales. Current performance shows 98.9%.

Other performance indicators

NI 147 – Care leavers in suitable accommodation

Performance is currently at 91.5%, which is below last year results (97.5%) but in line with national (90.3%) end of year 2009/10. 4 people who have turned 19 since last month have not yet had their suitability of accommodation recorded.

3 children did not have suitable accommodation but they were all in custody on their nineteenth Birthday.

NI 148 – Care leavers in Education, Employment or Training (EET)

Due to the economic climate we were expecting performance for care leavers in employment, education or training to drop by end March 2011 compared to end March 2010 (60.5%). With the improvement in recording on the system, our performance is currently at 58.5%, which is slightly below the national end of year figure for 2009/10 (62.1%). The outcomes of 4 children are yet to be recorded. Seven children were not in any education, employment or training due to disability.

NI 58 – Emotional and behavioural health of looked after children

The mean Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) score as at 20th March 2011 was 13.9, which is in line with end of year 2009/10 national figures (14.2).