

APPENDIX 2

CLA Service

Southwark Fostering Service

**Annual Performance Report
2010/11**

October 2011

Children Fostered by Southwark

Data is based on the full SSSDA903 statutory return as at 31 March 2011. Additional fields were matched on in order to calculate performance measures. These may slightly differ from published figures due to matching. This cohort is defined as those children where the place provider on the return is "Own provision (by the Local Authority)" and where placement type is either "Placement with other foster carer" or "Foster placement with relative or friend". Children referred to as placed in "external placements" are all the other children (220 children). "All children" refers to all children in care as at 31 March 2011 (522 children).

At 31 March 2011 there were 522 children in care of which 58% were fostered by Southwark.

Age (years)	Gender					
	Girls		Boys		All	
	Number	% of All	Number	% of All	Number	% of All
0	7	2.3%	10	3.3%	17	5.6%
1	12	4.0%	6	2.0%	18	6.0%
2	9	3.0%	9	3.0%	18	6.0%
3	4	1.3%	2	0.7%	6	2.0%
4	4	1.3%	8	2.6%	12	4.0%
5	7	2.3%	6	2.0%	13	4.3%
6	4	1.3%	9	3.0%	13	4.3%
7	5	1.7%	5	1.7%	10	3.3%
8	5	1.7%	5	1.7%	10	3.3%
9	5	1.7%	9	3.0%	14	4.6%
10	6	2.0%	8	2.6%	14	4.6%
11	5	1.7%	7	2.3%	12	4.0%
12	4	1.3%	11	3.6%	15	5.0%
13	5	1.7%	12	4.0%	17	5.6%
14	13	4.3%	18	6.0%	31	10.3%
15	7	2.3%	11	3.6%	18	6.0%
16	24	7.9%	15	5.0%	39	12.9%

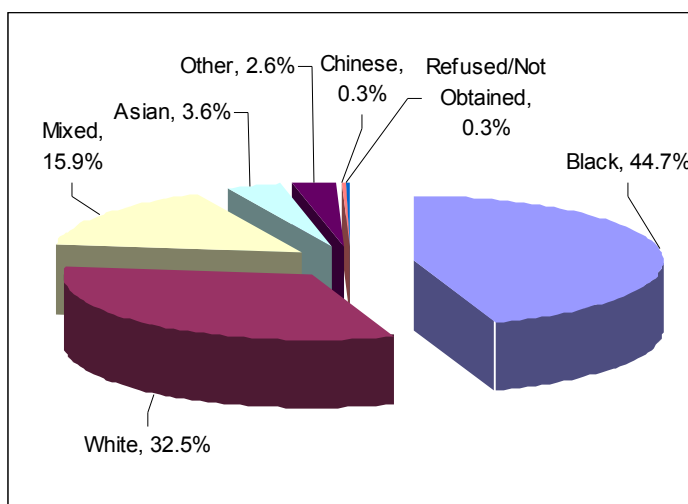
17	12	4.0%	13	4.3%	25	8.3%
All	138	45.7%	164	54.3%	302	100.0%

Over half (54%) of the children fostered by Southwark were boys, which was slightly lower compared to all children in care (58%). The age of these children also differed from all children in care with a higher proportion of younger children (aged 5 and under) and a lower proportion of older children (13 years and above).

When compared to all those children in external placements (220 children) there was a considerably higher proportion of boys (63%).

Age (years)	Fostering cohort			All children in care			Not fostered children		
	Girls	Boys	All	Girls	Boys	All	Girls	Boys	All
0-5	14.2%	13.6%	27.8%	10.3%	10.9%	21.3%	5.0%	7.3%	12.3%
6-12	11.3%	17.9%	29.1%	10.2%	16.1%	26.2%	23.2%	42.3%	65.5%
13+	20.2%	22.8%	43.0%	21.5%	31.0%	52.5%	8.6%	13.6%	22.3%
All	45.7%	54.3%	100.0%	42.0%	58.0%	100.0%	36.8%	63.2%	100.0%

Forty five per cent of children fostered by Southwark were of a black ethnic background followed by one third of a white background.



However, the highest proportion of children fostered by Southwark were white British (28%) followed by black African (21%). This was similar to all children in care. Six children fostered by

Southwark were also unaccompanied asylum seekers (4 of an Other Asian background and 2 were black African).

Those children in external placements also follows this ethnic pattern.

Ethnicity	Gender					
	Girls		Boys		All	
	Number	% of All	Number	% of All	Number	% of All
White British	31	10.3%	53	17.5%	84	27.8%
Black African	31	10.3%	32	10.6%	63	20.9%
Black Caribbean	18	6.0%	23	7.6%	41	13.6%
Black Other	18	6.0%	13	4.3%	31	10.3%
White & Black Caribbean	16	5.3%	13	4.3%	29	9.6%
Other Mixed	5	1.7%	7	2.3%	12	4.0%
White - Other	7	2.3%	5	1.7%	12	4.0%
Other	3	1.0%	5	1.7%	8	2.6%
White & Black African	3	1.0%	3	1.0%	6	2.0%
Asian - Other	0	0.0%	5	1.7%	5	1.7%
Asian - Bangladeshi	2	0.7%	1	0.3%	3	1.0%
Asian - Pakistani	1	0.3%	2	0.7%	3	1.0%
White Irish	1	0.3%	1	0.3%	2	0.7%
Chinese	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Information not yet obtained	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
White & Asian		0.0%	1	0.3%	1	0.3%
Grand Total	138	45.7%	164	54.3%	302	100.0%

20 miles distance

The majority (93%) of children fostered by Southwark were placed less than 20 miles from their home address. This is higher compared to all children in care (82%) and considerably higher than those in external placements (64%).

Health assessments

The majority (97%) of children fostered by Southwark that were looked after continuously for at least 12 months had their annual health assessment. This was slightly higher than all children in care (96%) and higher than children in external placements (94%). All children in care aged 5 or under had their health assessment.

Teeth checks

The majority (96%) of children fostered by Southwark that were looked after continuously for at least 12 months had their teeth checked. Similar to health assessments this was slightly higher than all children in care (94%) and higher than those children in external placements (91%).

CYPP11 / PAF C19 Health of children looked after

The combination of the percentages for dental checks and health assessments make up PAF C19. This was 97% for children fostered by Southwark which was higher than for all children (95%) and those in external placements (92%).

Immunisations

80% of children fostered by Southwark were up-to-date for their routine immunisations compared with 75% of all children in care. This was also considerably higher than those children in external placements (70%).

CYPP 54 / PAF C63 measure – communicated views

The majority (96%) of children fostered by Southwark communicated their views specifically for each of their statutory reviews. This was higher than all children in care (90%) and considerably higher than those children in external placements (86%).

NI 58 - Emotional and behavioural health of children in care

Southwark's Strength's and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) for children aged 4 to 16 who had been looked after continuously for at least 12 months as at 31 March 2011 (202 children) showed borderline levels across the authority with a mean score of 14.2. Of these children 55% were fostered by Southwark. The mean SDQ score for fostered children was 13, showing normal levels. However, the mean SDQ score for those children in external placements at 15.9 showed levels of concern for this group of children.

NI 62 – 3 or more placements

End of year 2010/11 (13.4%) shows that performance has slightly improved for all children in care compared to end of year 2009/10 (14.9%) and is now in line with end of year 2009/10 London and statistical neighbour averages but is however still below the national average.

Of the children fostered by Southwark, 8% were in 3 or more placements compared to 23% of those in external placements.

NI 63 – Length of placements

Performance has improved over the last 12 months (75.2%) bringing us above end of year 2009/10 national, London and statistical neighbour averages.

Of those children fostered by Southwark 80% were looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years. This compares to 58% of those children in external placements.

KS4 Outcomes

Out of the 47 young people who sat KS4 exams, 14 (30%) achieved 5+ A*-C grades including English and maths. 49% (23 children) achieved 5+ A*-C grades and 70% (33 children) achieved at least the level 1 threshold (5+A*-G).

29 of these 47 young people are fostered by Southwark. Their performance was higher than all children in care. Just over a third (34%) achieved 5+ A*-C grades including English and maths, 62% achieved at least a level 2 threshold and 83% achieved at least a level 1 threshold.

Costing

Unit costs for our in-house provision are approximately £427.61 per week which is slightly lower than the London average of £475.80 and approximately 48% cheaper than the IFA provision being used locally.

£22,235.60 Per year

£1,852.97 per month

£427.61 Per week

£60.92 Per day