

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> September 2009	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Corporate Parenting Committee
<b>Report title:</b>		Children Looked After: Performance Monitoring Report	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Children's Services	

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1 That the committee note this report, and endorse the measures adopted to address performance in relation to long-term stability.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 Services for Children Looked After (CLA) are monitored through a series of national and local performance indicators. Southwark's latest performance against these indicators, together with other relevant activity data, can be seen in the CLA Business Unit Report (appendix 1).
- 3 This information is monitored on a monthly basis at senior management meetings. Summary information is monitored by the Young Southwark Executive.
- 4 Data in appendix 1 shows the comparative position of Southwark's Statistical Neighbours (SN) which under the new system are; Hackney, Lambeth, Haringey, Islington, Lewisham, Hammersmith and Fulham, Greenwich, Waltham Forest, Camden, Newham

### KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5 Overall the performance for adoption for Southwark as at the end of June 09 is strong and improving.

### PARTICULAR SUCCESS

- 6 As at end of 2008/09 quarter 4. of the 86 Care Leavers, 82 of them are in suitable accommodation a 95% rate; exceeding 2008/09 Target, 2007/08 performance and 2007/08 SN of 93%, 91.6% and 91.1% respectively. We have currently exceeded this performance having all 22 Care Leavers (aged 19) in suitable accommodation; again exceeding our 2009/10 Target of 93%.
- 7 We currently have a total of 10 adoptions (including 2 SGOs); a 3.2% rate; inline with our excellent performance of last year's Q1 of 3.4% and exceeding the quarterly average target of 2.4% (an annual Target of 9.5%)

### AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT

- 8 Slight improvement from last years performance of 62.9% Care Leavers in EET to 63.6% ending 2009/10 Q1, but well below our 2009/10 Target of 71%

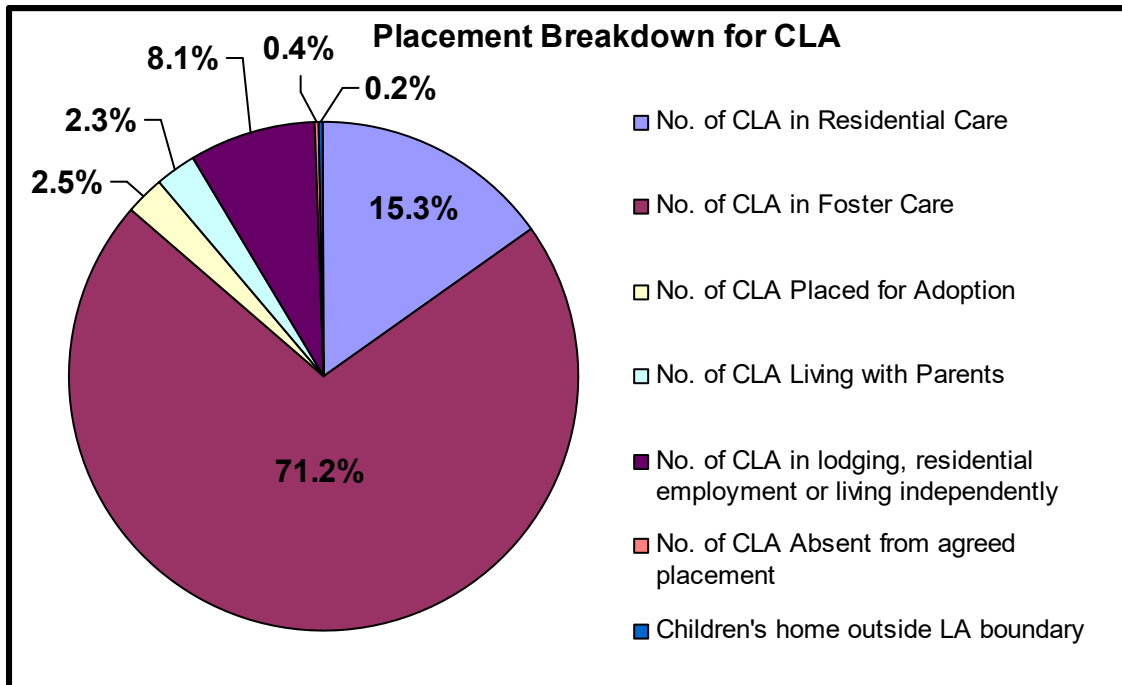
### ONES TO WATCH

- 9 There was a 27.4% increase in the number of moves from last year's Q1 of 9.3% CLA in 3+ placements to 11.9% ending June 2009, however a drop from 2008/09 FINAL outturn of 14.1%
- 10 The number of CLA per 10,000 population aged under 18 has shown great improvement over the years, however increasing back up to 101.8 per 10,000 (555 CLA) from last year's outturn of 97.8 per 10,000 population aged under 18 (533 CLA)
- 11 Of the 209 of CLA aged 10 to 15, Southwark had 176 in foster placements or placed for adoption an 84.2% rate; below the target of 87% and worse in performance than 2008/09 outturn of 86.0% (185 of 215) and 2007/08 SN performance of 83%.

- 12 There has been a reducing trend in the number of CLA living with relatives/friends from 7.3% in 2007/08 to 6.1% in 2008/09 (6.3% in 2008/09 Q1) and is currently 5.9%. However, this is balanced by the good rate of adoption and Special Guardianship Orders.

## SUMMARY AS OF JUNE 2009 INDICATOR SET

### Accommodation of Children Looked After



**Fig 1: Accommodation Breakdown of CLA in Southwark**

- 13 With the reduction in the number of CLA, the % of CLA in Residential Care (*APA 2052SC, Indicator 1*) increased from 2007/08 outturn of 14.8% (85 of 574 CLA) to 15.8% (84 of 533 CLA) end March 2009, and is currently 15.3% (85 of 555) ending 2009/10 Q1. 2007/08. SN average was 15%.
- 14 Whereas there was a slight drop in the % of CLA in Foster Care (*Indicator 2*) from 2007/08 outturn of 75.1% (431 of 574 CLA) to 70.7% (377 of 533 CLA) end March 2009, but increased slightly to 71.2% (395 of 555) ending 2009/10 Q1. SN average was 73%
- 15 There are currently 45 CLA in lodging, residential employment or living independently (*Indicator 5*) an increase from 07/08 outturn of 32 CLA and a slight drop from 08/09 outturn of 47 CLA.
- 16 There are 13 CLA Living with Parents (*Indicator 4*) ending June 09; slightly higher than last year's outturn of 10.

### Legal Status of Children Looked After

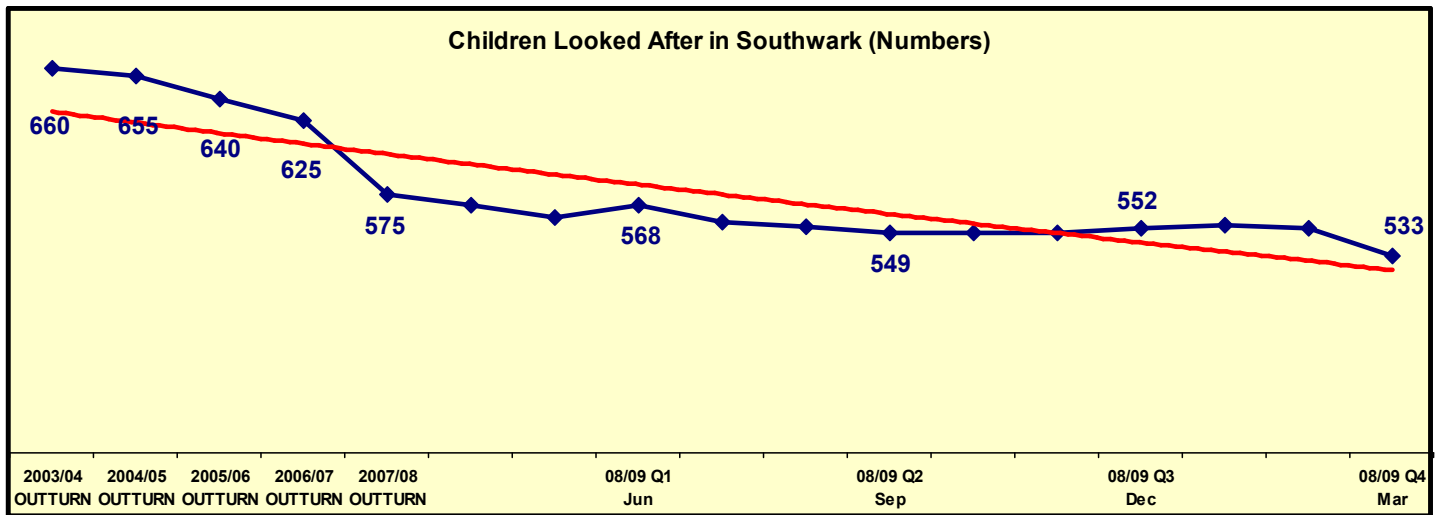
- 17 There has been an increase in the number of Interim Care Orders, from 67 in 07/08 to 75 ending Mar 09 and is currently 86 ending 09/10 Q1; and may be a reflection of the events in Haringey last year. Indicator 14
- 18 There has been a drop in the number of Section 20 Agreements from 232 in 05/06 to 188 in 07/08 and 173 ending Mar 09; however it has currently increased to 187 ending 09/10 Q1. Indicator 12
- 19 The number of children with Full Care Orders has dropped from 317 in 05/06 to 304 07/08 and 246 ending Mar 09; a further drop to 239 ending June 2009. Indicator 13

**Placement Choice**

**No. of CLA per 10,000 population aged under 18 (Indicator 46) – 2042SC:**

20 This Indicator has shown great improvement from a 105 rate (574 CLA) ending 2007/08 to 97.8 (533 Children Looked After) ending 2008/09; exceeding our 2008/09 Target of 101. However, ending June 2009 (09/10 Q1), there has been a 4.1% increase in the number of CLA to 555 (101.8 per 10,000); comparing 1.8% above our 2009/10 Target.

21 Although this PI has shown great improvement from previous years down from 660 (120 rate) in 2003/04 outturn, however the rate still stands higher than as compared with it's 07/08 SN of 87.

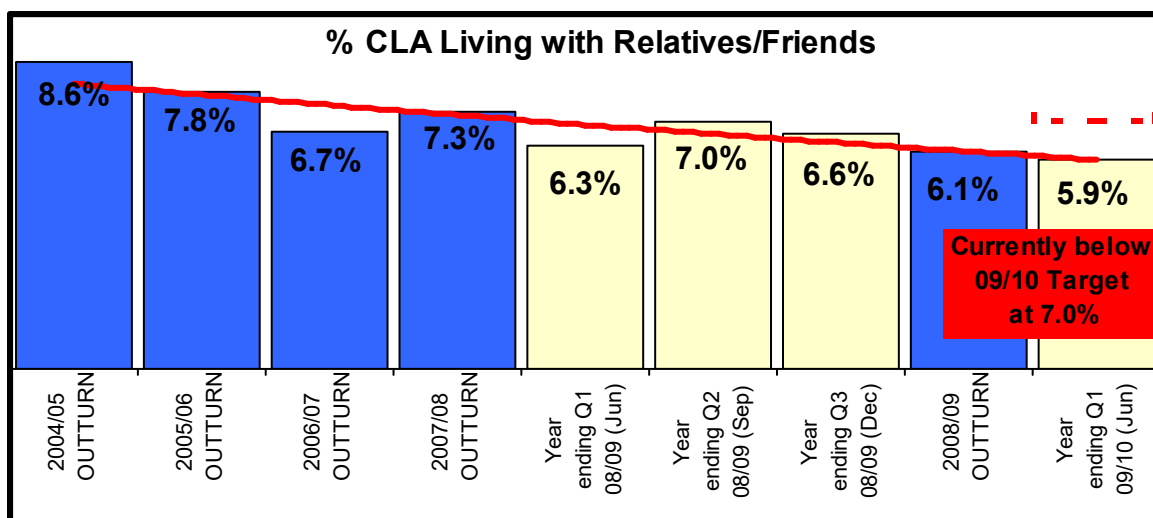


**Fig 3: Southwark Performance over the years**

**% of CLA fostered by Relative or Friend (Indicator 48) – 2054SC:**

22 There has been a steady drop in the proportion of CLA living with a relative or friend (excluding living with parents) from 04/05 outturn of 8.6% (55 of 646) to 07/08 outturn at 7.3% (41 of 565) to 6.1% (32 of 522) ending 2008/09 and is currently 5.9% (32 of 542) ending 09/10 Q1.

23 However, this is balanced by the good rate of adoption and Special Guardianship Orders.

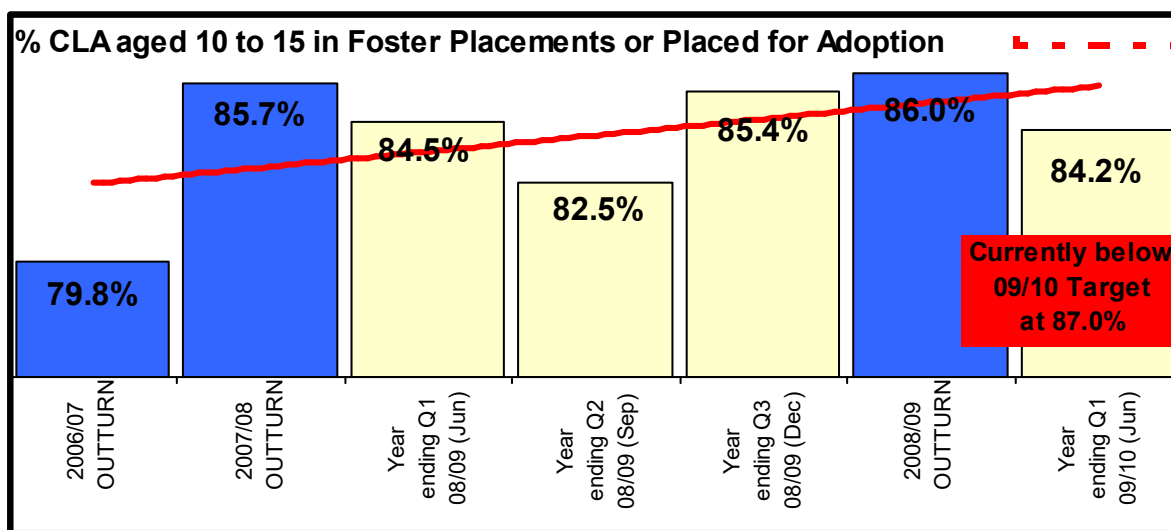


**Fig 4: % CLA being fostered by a Relative or a Friend**

24 Our performance is currently poorer than our 2009/10 Target and 2007/08 SN Averages of 7.0% and 9.8% by -15.7% and -34.4% respectively.

**% CLA (aged 10 to 15) in foster placement (Indicator 54) – 2068SC**

25 There has, however, been an increase in the proportion of CLA (aged 10 – 15) in Foster Placement (or Placed for adoption) from 06/07 outturn at 79.8% (194 of 243) to 07/08 outturn at 85.7% (192 of 224) to 86.0% (185 of 215) ending 2008/09 but recently dropped to 84.2% (176 of 209) ending 09/10 Q1; -3.2% below our 2009/10 Target of 87%

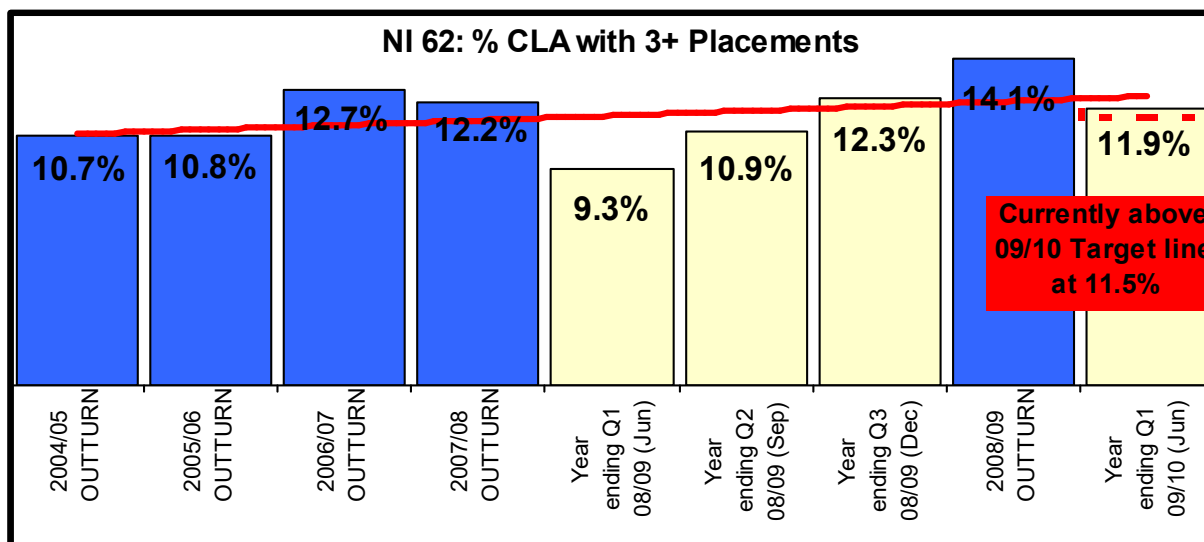


**Fig 5: CLA (aged 10 to 15) in foster placement/placed for adoption**

**Adoption**

**NI 62: Number of Moves(3+ Placements) Indicator 39:**

26 At 11.9% rate, we are worse than last year's Q1 by 27.4% but just slightly worse than our 2009/10 target by 3.4% at 11.5%



**Fig 6: Long Term Stability of Placement of CLA (No. of moves)**

27 We are also worse in performance than our 2007/08 statistical neighbours, London and England averages (of 10.2%, 11.2% and 11.4%) by 16.7%, 6.3% and 4.4% respectively.

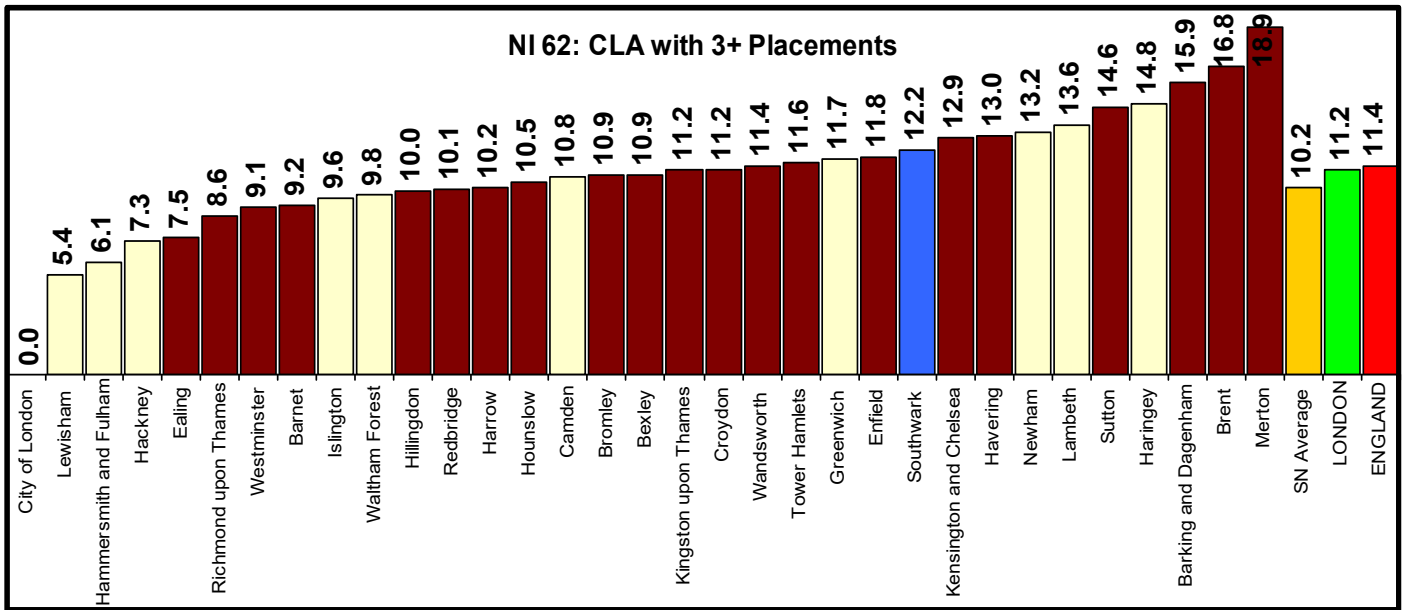


Fig 7: No. of moves (Comparing with SN, London & England)

**APA 2059SC (CYPP 27): % of CLA adopted from Looked After Care (Indicator 58)**

28 At 3.2% adoption rate, we are just below last years Q1 (at 3.4%) by 5.9% and are meeting our quarterly average Target at 2.4% (Annual Target is 9.5%).

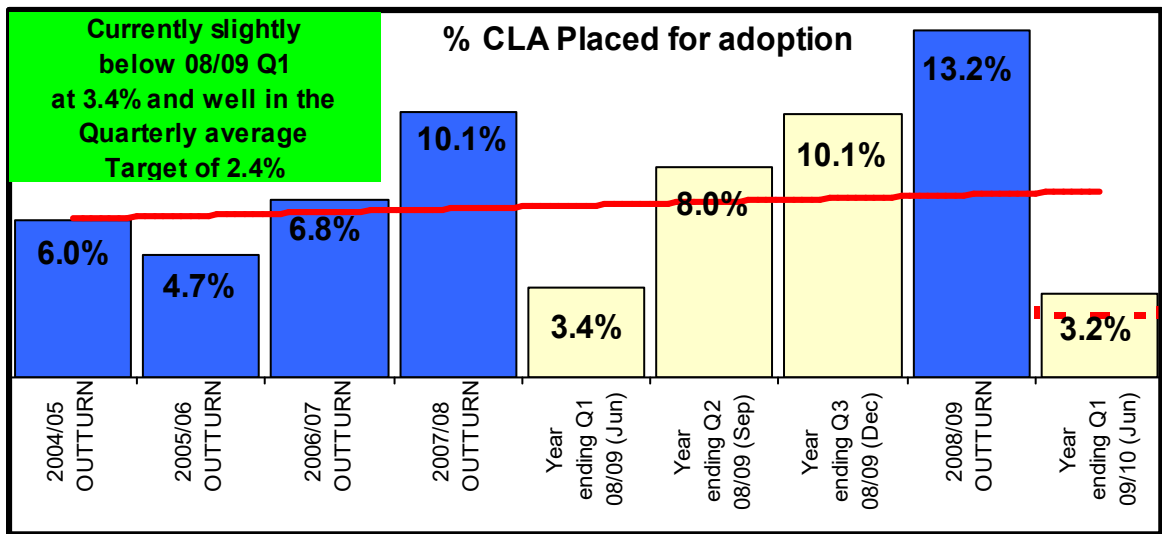


Fig 8: CLA Adopted from Looked After Care

**Care Leavers**

**NI 148: Care Leavers in EET (Indicator 66)**

29 Of the 22 Care Leavers (aged 19), we currently have 14 in Education, Employment or Training; a good improvement from last year's outturn of 61.9% to 63.6% ending June 2009.

30 We are below the 09/10 Target, 2007/08 SN, London and England Averages at 71%, 68.0%, 68.3% and 64.9% respectively.

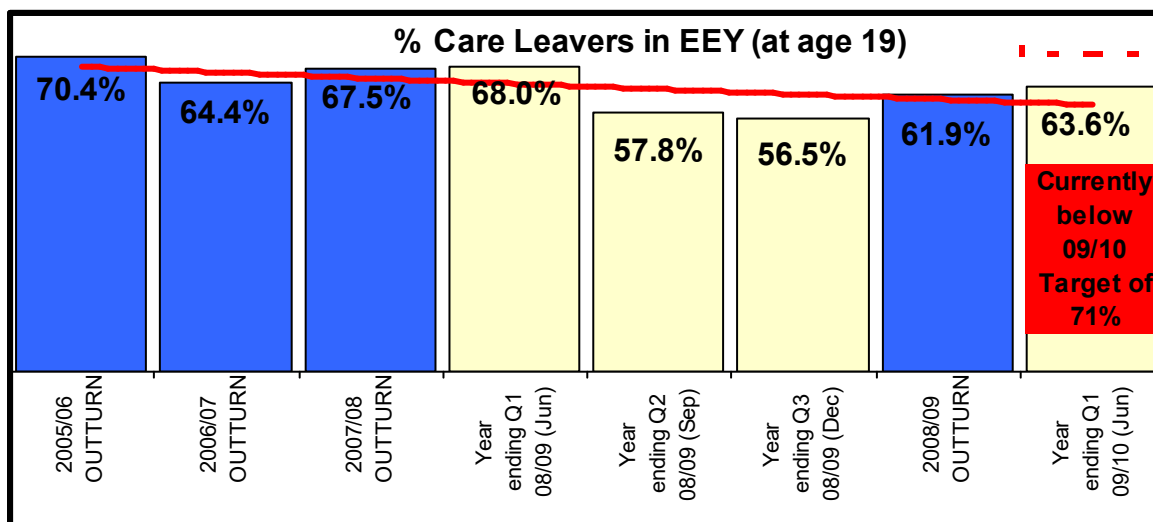


Fig 11: Care Leavers in EET

**NI 147: Care Leavers in Suitable Accommodation (Indicator 67)**

31 We currently have all 22 Care Leavers (aged 19) living in Suitable Accommodation, ending 09/10 Q1, exceeding our 09/10 Target at 93%.

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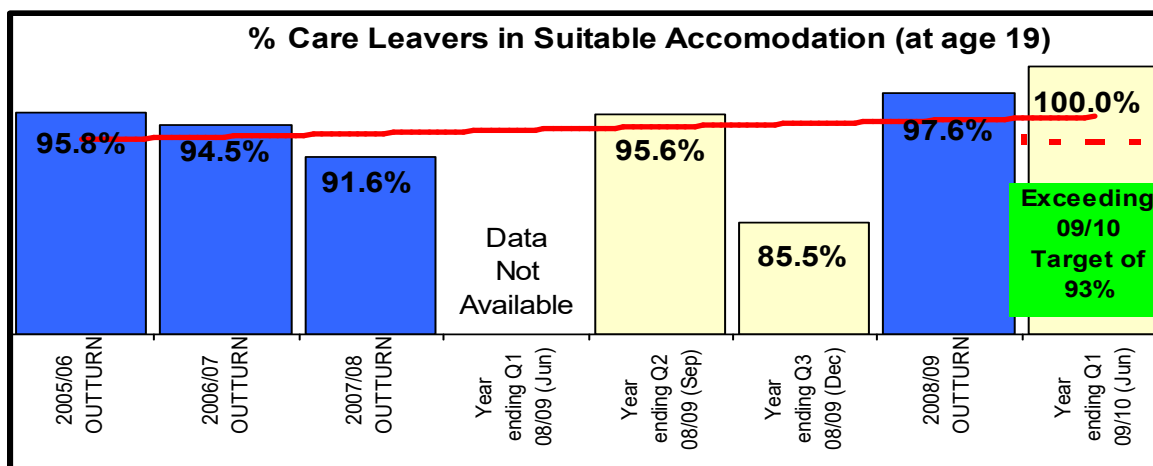


Fig 12: Care Leavers in suitable accommodation

**Policy Implications**

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

**Community Impact Statement**

34 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. The ethnicity breakdown of the children looked after population is shown in appendix 1.

**Resource Implications**

35 This decision has no resource implications.

**Consultation**

36 The management teams of Children's Safeguarding and Specialist Services have discussed the indicators set out in appendix 1.

**Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance**

37 There are no specific implications

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Every Child Matters Performance Reports	Performance Team	'Eko Gilbert 0207 525 5243

## LIST OF APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Children Looked After Business Unit Performance Report 2009/10 Quarter 1 (June 2009)

## AUDIT TRAIL

*This section must be included in all reports.*

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