

Ambition 4:

Our children will live safely and permanently with a family, wherever it is safe to do so.

Lead:

**Strategic
Lead Children in
Care,
Careleavers and
Family
Placements**



Our approach:

To ensure children have the right plan that supports them to have a stable safe base with trusting relationships that endure to adulthood and beyond.

We will use the principles and provocations of 'No Wrong Door' to underpin our approach and apply the bench mark of "would this be good enough for my own child."

What we have achieved:

Decreased the number of young people living in external residential children's homes

Increased the number of children living with Special Guardians

Established the infrastructure for the No Wrong Door Model

Whole service sufficiency model in place

Revised and re-launched the IRO dispute process

Revised IRO (Independent Reviewing Officers) recording pathway

Introduced dedicated Independent Reviewing Officer for Care Leavers

What we need to do

- Ensure all children in care have a clear plan of permanence that makes a difference
- Ensure all children we work with understand their life story and the decision that we have made for them
- Reduce the number of children placed with parents
- Increase our placement sufficiency through local family based care
- Embed the No Wrong Door provocations & methodology as routine in our care planning
- Embed the deep dive methodology to drive dynamic care planning
- Improve the quality and consistency of our Aftercare Services

Performance Monitoring

Ref	Description	Target
4.1	Increase in long term placement stability: proportion of looked after children (CLA) 15 and under that have been in care 30 months and in the same placement for 24 months	70%
4.2	Reduction in number of children placed with parents	55
4.3	Reduction in the number of unplanned placement moves across a child's journey	55
4.4	Increase the number of foster care approvals and increase sufficiency	15
4.5	Number CLA ceased to be looked after due to special guardianship order (SGO)	20
4.6	% CLA ceased to be looked after due to SGO	20%
4.7	Number of breakdowns in placement with SGO carers	TBC
4.8	Reduction in the number and % Looked After Children (CLA) placed in external	4%
4.9	% CLA participating in their reviews	80%
4.10	Reduce number of children and young people who go missing from home &/or care - this needs moving to the missing and expatriation one as one of our key measures	300