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Scottish Child Safeguarding Some figures & why we need parent advocacy

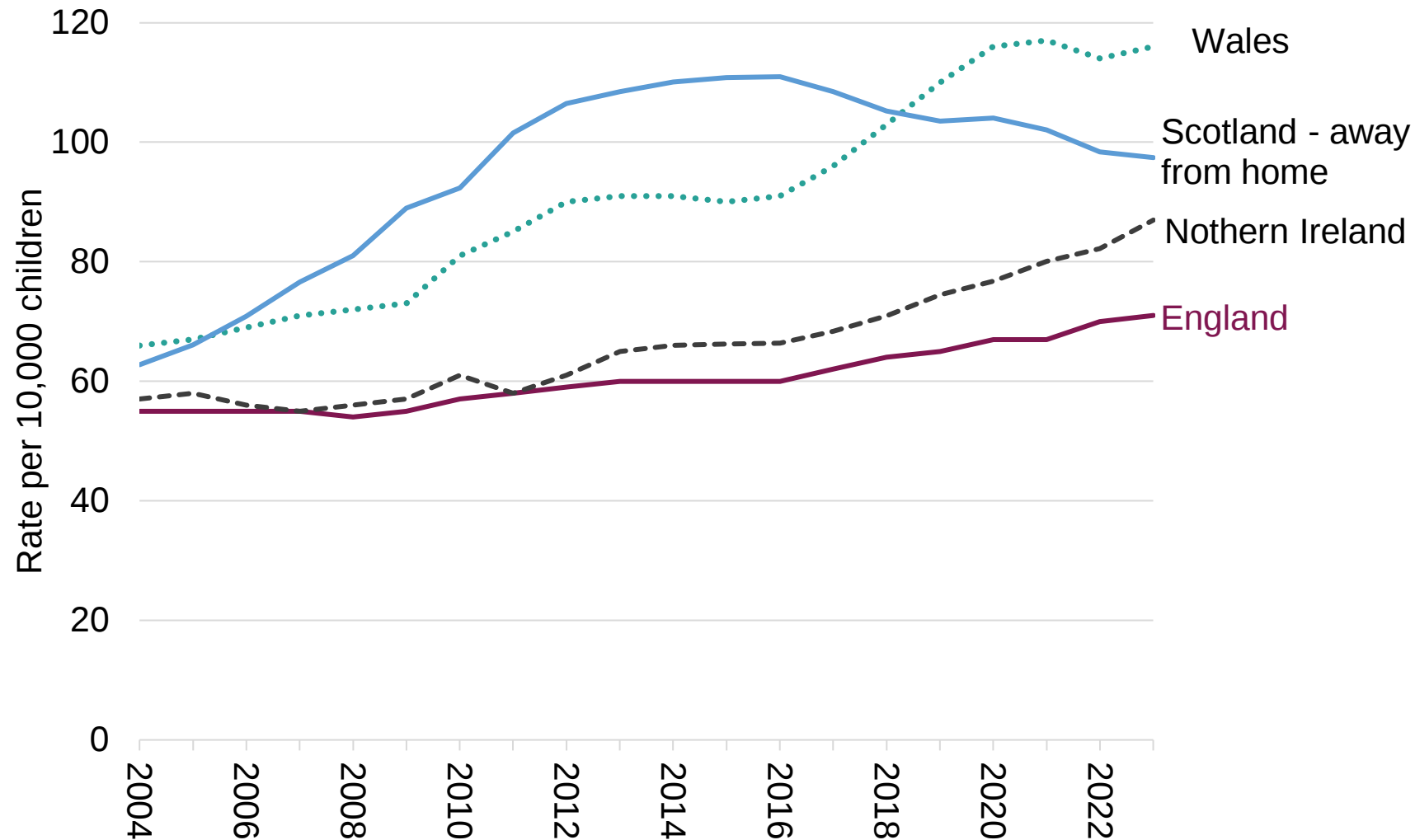
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UK comparison of rates of children looked after on 31st March 2004 to 2023

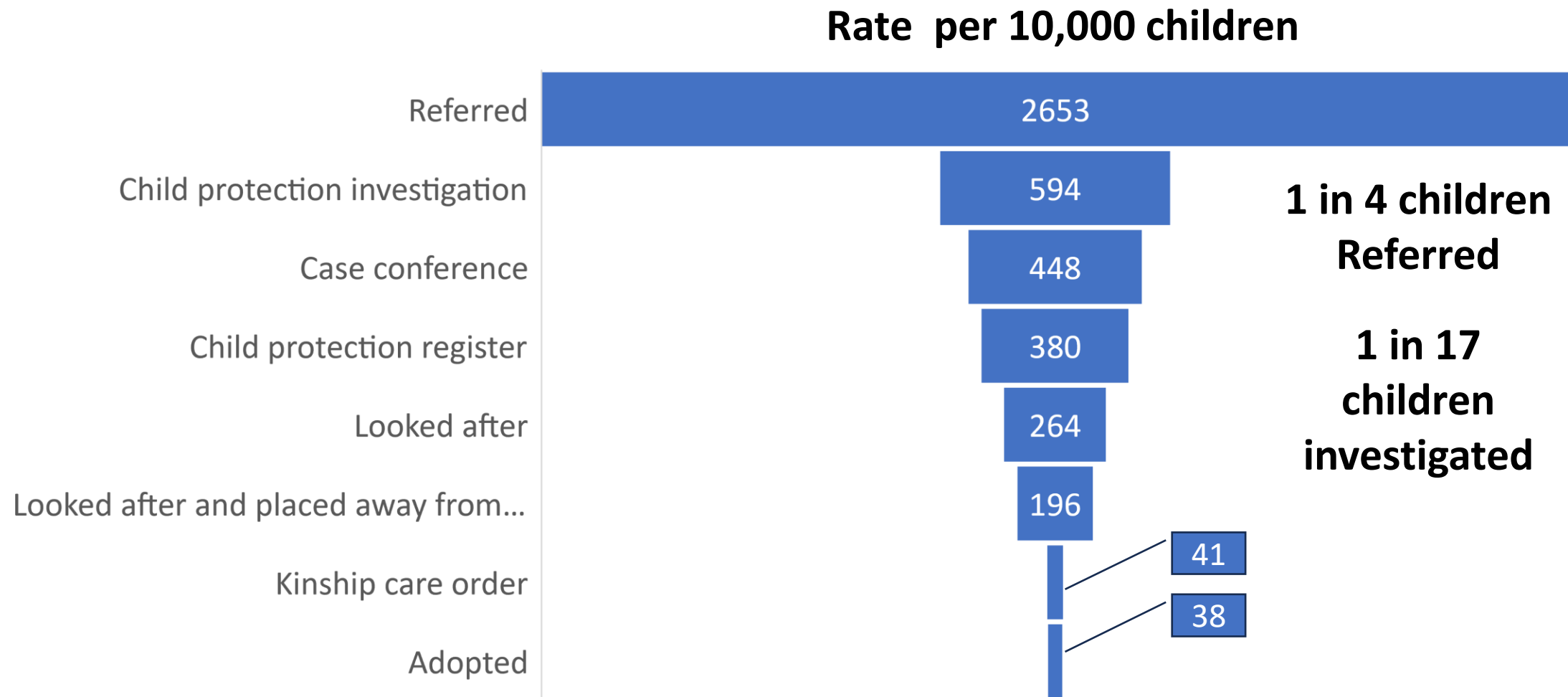


Trends in Scotland

Fall of 7% since
The Promise

Rate of children
in care 54%
higher than in
2004

Rate per 10,000 of Social Work Interventions in Scotland before the Age of 5



Regional differences in interventions before age of 5

- child protection investigation before their fifth birthday had almost 9-fold difference from 18.1% in Clackmannanshire to 2.1% in Aberdeenshire
- adoption ranged from NONE in five local authorities to almost 2% of all children in Dundee
- In Dundee 4.2% of all children had been looked after and placed away from home



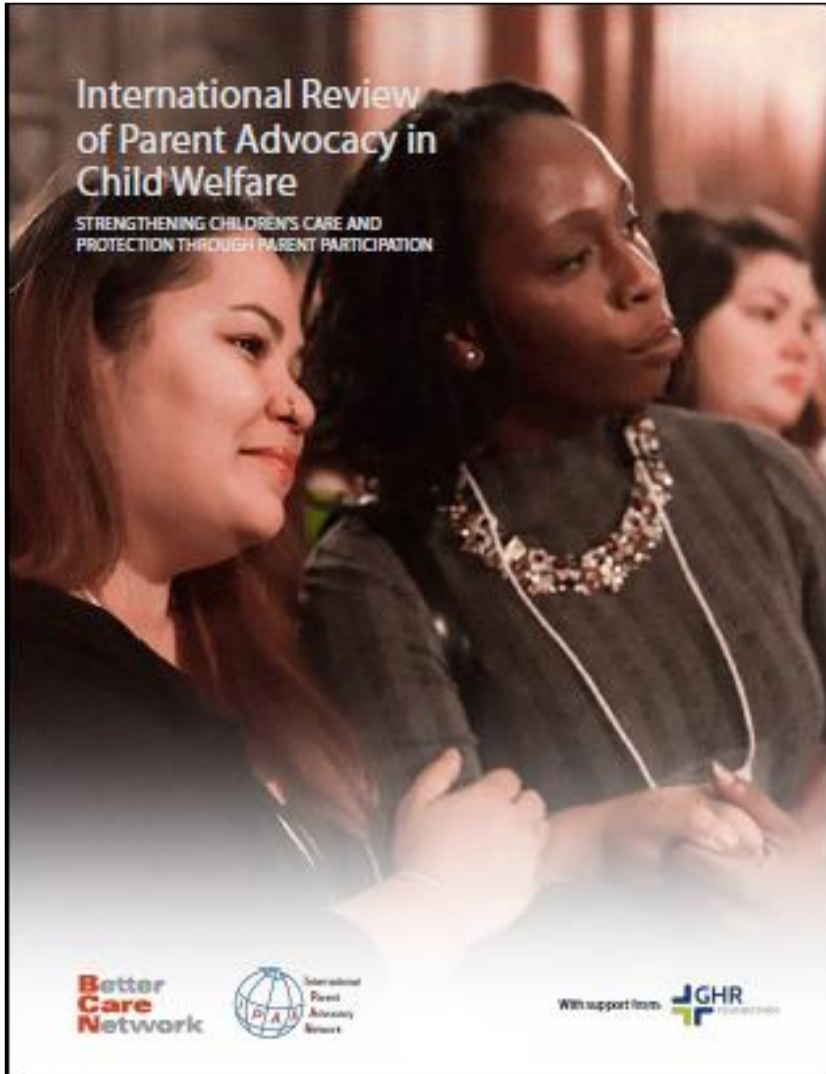
Before the age of five in the most deprived tenth of communities

Estimate based on Child Welfare
Inequalities Project and my data:

- One in 6 (15.6%) children would have been investigated for child abuse.
- One in ten (10.0%) would have been on the child protection register
- One in every 13 (7.6%) children would have become looked
- One in 18 (5.6%) would have been looked after and placed away from home



Benefits of Parent Advocacy



A review of over 100 papers :

- Improved parent and family engagement and partnership
- Reduction of maltreatment
- Reductions in entry to & stays in care
- Increased reunification
- Speedier placement with kin or permanency
- Promoting Sobriety
- **Agency Culture Change**

