

# Born into Care: Wales



Between 2011 and 2018

**1,399**

babies were subject to care proceedings within two weeks of birth.



Between 2016 and 2018

**49%**

of newborn cases were linked to mothers who had previously appeared in care proceedings concerning an older sibling.

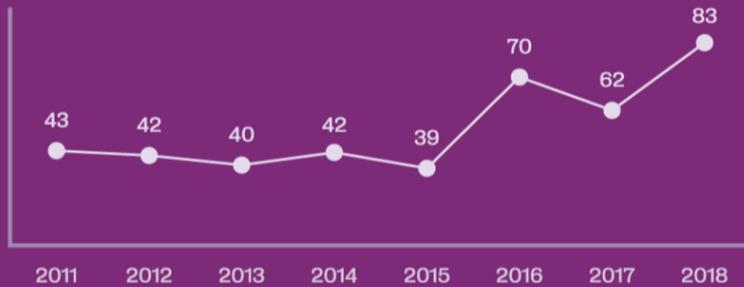


Between 2015 and 2018

**61%**

of newborns involved in care proceedings were subject to an urgent hearing; a greater proportion than for older children.

The number of newborns subject to care proceedings in Wales within two weeks of birth (per 10,000 live births) has increased since 2016.



At the end of care proceedings:

In 2012  
**50%**



In 2018  
**24%**

of newborns were placed for adoption

In 2012  
**29%**



In 2018  
**64%**

of infants were subject to care orders