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Introduction

The UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) is a consortium of 14 partners led by the University of Glasgow. The Centre, which is funded by Economic and Social Research Council, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, is a multidisciplinary partnership between academics, housing policy and practice. Over the course of a five-year programme (2017-2022) it has produced evidence and new research aimed at improving housing policy and practice across the UK

How we are organised

CaCHE is a UK wide research centre, with hubs located in London, Cardiff, Belfast, Glasgow and Sheffield. The administrative hub for the Centre is based within the University of Glasgow's Olympia Social Research Hub, in the East End of Glasgow.

Knowledge Exchange

CaCHE has established five Knowledge Exchange (KE) Hubs around the UK in relation to Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the South of England and the North/Midlands. Each hub brings together academics and the users of research to exchange ideas, evidence and expertise. The location of the KE Hubs is designed to ensure geographic reach and nationwide relevance, recognising that different parts of the UK face different challenges and have different sets of housing policies and priorities.

The CaCHE Wales Hub (along with the other CaCHE hubs across the UK) is co-creating housing research priorities, co-producing new projects and evidence and helping to shape and disseminate housing research to address housing problems and benefit housing policy in Wales.

Context

Previous briefing papers for the Housing Information Group were presented at the May and September 2019, September 2020 and June 2021 meetings. The first of these is available on the [Welsh Government website](#).

This paper outlined the objectives of CaCHE, the structure of the Centre's research (which is organised around seven themes, with CaCHE having 10 priority areas within these themes for its ongoing work). It also detailed projects completed in 2018 and the early part of 2019 and set out information about new research projects commencing in 2019. Subsequent updates are also available on the Housing Information Group pages of the Welsh Government website.

This information is not repeated here. However, detailed information about completed projects, published reports, and ongoing and proposed research studies are all set out on the CaCHE website, the link to which is provided in the final section of this paper (Contacts for Further Information).

The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of activities since July 2021 and to highlight published CaCHE reports and papers (including forthcoming work) which we consider of relevance to Wales. The paper also looks to the future of CaCHE (beyond November 2022), which is dependent upon a funding bid which has been made to the UK Research Councils. A decision is expected imminently.

Recently Published CaCHE Research

Over the last 12 months CaCHE has continued to progress with its programme of work. The following reports and papers have been published between July 2021 and May 2022.

Health and Well-Being in the Private Rented Sector

Two reports ([literature review \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#)) and [perspectives from tenants \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#)).

[Understanding Approaches to Tenant Participation in the Private Rented Sector in Northern Ireland \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#)

[Establishing an Evidence Base for the Development of a viable Intermediate Rent Model for Northern Ireland \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#).

[Pandemic Arrears Crisis \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#). This report provides perspectives of private landlords.

[Housing Systems, Their Institutions and Their Resilience \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#).

[Living Through the Building Safety Crisis \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#).

[CaCHE has also published three separate short policy briefings](#) related to this research.

[Rent Control: A Review of the Evidence Base \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\)](#).

[Covid-19: Housing Market Impacts and Housing Policy Responses. An International Review \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\).](#)

[Public Participation in Planning in the UK: A Review of the Literature \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\).](#)

[A Cost-Benefit Analysis of a Traditional Glasgow Tenement Net Zero Retrofit \(UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence\).](#) This is the first output from an ongoing study being undertaken in Scotland.

Ongoing CaCHE Research

Several other research projects are underway with outputs expected late this year. We have listed these below under the current CaCHE research themes.

Choice

Social housing allocations (in collaboration with Crisis)

Romanian migrants in post-Brexit/covid-19 Britain

Economy

The potential role of modular construction in addressing systemic supply issues

Dublin-Belfast Economic Corridor: Planning policy and cross-border housing markets on the island of Ireland

Governance

Are housing issues wicked issues?

Futures, anticipation, and housing organisations

Place

Community Consultation for Quality of Life

Wider Drivers

The contested politics of residential space

Decarbonisation of the UK housing stock

Ethnic inequalities in housing: policy and practice understandings and responses

Cross-cutting

Housing policies and the covid-19 pandemic

Lived experience of suburbanised poverty: an international evidence review

Retrofit of pre-1919 Glasgow tenement housing: demonstration project

There is [further information about individual projects on the CaCHE website.](#)

The Future of CaCHE

CaCHE has been funded for almost five years and in that time has produced more than 60 research projects. Late last year a bid for further funding (2022-2026) has been made to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and a decision on the outcome is expected soon.

Even if the bid is successful the level of resources for the next four years will be significantly less than in 2017-2022 and there will be increased reliance on institutional support and income generation. However, there remains a commitment from several of the current institutions (including Cardiff University) and agreement to retaining the five Knowledge Exchange Hubs across the UK (see opening section of this paper). If future funding is secured the intention is that CaCHE will continue to provide relevant housing research to fill key gaps in existing knowledge and to continue to try and embed evidence in housing policy and practice.

The proposal is to focus research on the following broad main themes:

- Housing and the Economy
- Housing and the Environment (this will include moving towards net zero)
- Housing and Place
- Housing Inequalities

There will also be three cross-cutting themes.

- Housing Systems
- Housing Data
- International housing research linkages

As soon as the outcome of the external funding bid is known we will notify key stakeholders.

CaCHE Data Navigator

The [CaCHE Data Navigator](#) is a web application that enhances a researcher's ability to search, discover and download housing data related to the UK. The aim is to signal key data sources from the public and private sectors in an easy-to-use single location.

Contacts for Further Information

Details of many of the research projects (including reports, working papers, policy briefings and blogs) can be found on the [Housing Evidence website](#).

Individuals can also [sign up for regular email alerts and newsletters from the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence](#).

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