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Introduction

The UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) is a consortium of eight institutions led by the University of Glasgow (and includes Cardiff University), which was established in August 2017. The Centre, which is now funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), is a multidisciplinary partnership between academia and housing policy and practice. Its primary objective is to produce evidence and new research that contributes to tackling the UK's housing problems at national, devolved, regional and local levels.

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 have been at Housing Information Group meetings since May 2019 and published subsequently on the Welsh Government website.

The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of activities since October 2022 and to highlight published CaCHE reports and papers (including forthcoming work) which we consider of relevance to Wales. All CaCHE reports are available to download from the CaCHE website.

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/>

Recently Published CaCHE Research

Since we last reported to the Housing Information Group CaCHE has continued to progress with its programme of work. The following reports and papers have been published during the period October 2022-June 2023. Many of these publications relate to research undertaken under phase one of CaCHE (August 2017-October 2022), although a couple of these outputs are initial publications related to the revised research themes at the heart of phase two of our work, which commenced in November last year.

Learning from Experience of Remediation in the Building Safety Crisis

Jenny Preece

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/learning-from-experiences-of-remediation-in-the-building-safety-crisis/>

Understanding Landlord Behaviour in the Private Rented Sector in the UK

Jennifer Harris and Alex Marsh

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/understanding-landlord-behaviour-in-the-private-rented-sector-in-the-uk/>

Road to Home: University of Glasgow Homelessness Scoping Study

Jocelyne Fleming

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/road-to-home-university-of-glasgow-homelessness-initiative-scoping-study/>

Research on Purpose-Built Student Accommodation and Student Housing in Scotland

Ken Gibb and others

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/research-on-purpose-built-student-accommodation-pbsa-and-student-housing-in-scotland/>

Race Equality in Housing: A Review of the Policy Approach in England, Scotland and Wales

David Robinson and others

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/race-equality-in-housing-a-review-of-the-policy-approach-in-england-scotland-and-wales/>

Finding Housing, Making Home: Romanian Migrants in Post-Brexit, Post-Covid UK

Adriana Soaita and others

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/finding-housing-making-home-romanian-migrants-in-post-brexit-post-covid-uk/>

The Potential Role of Modern Methods of Construction in addressing Systemic Supply Issues

Bilge Serin and Sarah Payne

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/the-potential-role-of-modern-methods-of-construction-in-addressing-systemic-supply-issues/>

Motivations and Barriers Associated with Adopting Domestic Heat Pumps in the UK

Sohail Ahmad

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/motivations-and-barriers-associated-with-adopting-domestic-heat-pumps-in-the-uk/>

Economic Benefits of Housing Support

Vikki McCall and Ken Gibb

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/economic-benefits-of-housing-support/>

Reviewing Residential Retrofitting Literature

Bilge Serin

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/reviewing-residential-retrofitting-literature/>

Leasehold Reform Proposals in England and Wales: The Unconsidered Implications of Reducing the Premium in Lease Extensions

James Cully and Mark Andrew

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/leasehold-reform-proposals-in-england-and-wales-the-unconsidered-financial-implications-of-reducing-the-premium-in-lease-extensions/>

In addition, CaCHE continues to publish regular blogs and news items on its website. Late last year CaCHE also undertook a small piece of work on Rent Control for the Welsh Government. This built upon substantial research published earlier in 2022 on this topic (and highlighted in the report to the Housing Information Group in September 2022). This report to Welsh Government has now been published alongside the Welsh Government's consultative Green Paper on Securing a Path towards Affordable Housing.

<https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2023-06/rent-controls-briefing-paper-report.pdf>

Ongoing CaCHE Research

Several other research projects under CaCHE's phase one research programme are ongoing with final outputs expected later this year. We have listed these below under the original (phase one) CaCHE research themes.

Choice

Social housing allocations (in collaboration with Crisis).

Economy

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

Governance

Futures, anticipation, and housing organisations.

Wider Drivers

The contested politics of residential space.

Cross-cutting issues

Lived experience of suburbanised poverty: international evidence review.

Retrofit of pre-1919 Glasgow tenement housing: demonstration project.

There is further information about individual projects on the CaCHE website.

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/our-work/research-projects/>

The Phase Two CaCHE Research Programme

In its first five years CaCHE has undertaken more than 60 research projects

The level of resources for the Phase two (November 2022-October 2026) will be significantly less than in 2017-2022 and there will be increased reliance on university institutional support and external 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). CaCHE will continue to provide relevant housing research to fill key gaps in existing knowledge and to try and embed evidence in housing policy and practice across the UK.

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

- Housing and the Economy
- Housing Inequalities
- Housing and Place (including design and land use planning)
- Housing and the Environment (including retrofitting homes and tackling climate change)

There will also be three cross-cutting strands to CaCHE's work.

- Housing Systems
- Housing Data
- International housing research linkages

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. The link to the data navigator is here:

<https://cache-web-live.cf.ac.uk/>

Contacts for Further Information

Details of many of the research projects (including reports, working papers, policy briefings and blogs) can be found at:

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/>

Individuals can also sign up for regular email alerts and newsletters from the Centre.

<https://gla.us16.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c4fd7f7e60d4f7ed013ed9742&id=7eee454548>

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