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Housing Conditions Evidence Programme: Stakeholder update, January 2019

Happy New Year!

Last month we met a major milestone when we published the first data on housing conditions in Wales for 10 years; and in the 50th anniversary year of these surveys taking place in Wales. We are also the first housing conditions survey in the UK to publish its headline results in the same year we finished fieldwork (although to be fair, we didn't include our Fuel Poverty analysis in order to get it out as soon as possible).

Extension of Funding for the Housing Conditions Evidence Programme (HCEP)

In early December we received confirmation that we have been awarded 2 further years of funding, taking us past the end of March 2019 to the end of March 2021. The purpose of this is to maximise the analysis we can carry out on the WHCS data, continue to develop and use HSAR and conduct an options appraisal for the future of the Programme.

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (WHCS)

On 6 December 2018 the first national headline results from the [Welsh Housing Conditions Survey \(WHCS\) 2017-18](#) were published. The release focused on housing stock characteristics and housing conditions. We worked with the Office for Statistics Regulation to ensure that the release was published as National Statistics.

An easy-to-use results viewer was published which allows users to explore results on a range of topics. The viewer currently only contains the key statistics in the First Release, but will be expanded as we do more analysis. For those that are interested in how the information was gathered you'll also find a quality report and a summary technical report on the [WHCS webpage](#).

The non-disclosive set of the WHCS data will be available on the [UK Data Archive](#) soon, with more detailed data available direct from the [WHCS team](#), under special licence.

Now that the headline results have been published, we will start working on more detailed topic specific analysis (at the national level). You can find out more about the planned publications on the [WHCS webpage](#). We will also be looking at estimating/modelling lower level estimates.

Headline Fuel Poverty estimates will be available in April 2019, with detailed reporting to follow in the summer.

If you'd like more information, or for any ad-hoc data requests, please contact the [WHCS team](#).

Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales (HSAR)

Work on HSAR has been on hold over the last few months with the team prioritising the publication of the WHCS headline results. Work will resume in the New Year, with a focus on providing ONS with business cases for HMRC, DWP and VOA datasets to enable sharing via the Digital Economy Act. We will also be procuring and migrating data to the long term hosting solution for HSAR, a UK Secure eResearch Platform (UKSeRP), as well as resuming the cleansing and linking of existing data.

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