Administrative Data Research Wales – Housing Update, June 2021

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ADR Wales brings together data science experts, academics and specialist teams within Welsh Government to produce evidence that shapes future policy decisions in Wales. Housing is one of the ADR Wales priority areas. This paper lists key outputs produced by the academic team, focused primarily on homelessness.

Homelessness duration in Scoland: how long does rehousing take?
Explores the length of time that housing support is given to homeless households in Scotland by local authority housing teams. This analysis is crucial to understanding the impacts of Rapid Rehousing policy.

Severe and multiple disadvantage
Explores the scale and overlap of substance misuse and housing issues in the City and County of Swansea.

Absence from school amongst children living in homeless households
Compares persistent absenteeism amongst school age children living in households who approach the City and County of Swansea housing team, with those who do not (the 'stably' housed).

Using case level data to measure the dynamics of housing support
Explores the number of households actively receiving housing support during a financial year.

Using data linkage to improve estimates of homelessness
Exploratory analysis using data linkage between local authority data and health data in order to improve estimates of the scale of homelessness at the local authority level.

Exploratory analysis of education outcomes of children and young people living in homeless households
Compares education outcomes of children and young people living in homeless households with those not in homeless households.

Ageing and homelessness: Is there an ageing crisis for statutory homelessness services in the UK?
Explores the ageing of homeless populations using aggregated data on people applying to local authority housing teams in Scotland.

Measuring repeat homelessness
Explores different measures of repeat homelessness using individual level data on people applying to the local authority Housing Options team in the City and County of Swansea.

Planned future ADR Housing research includes a comparison of COVID-19 prevalence rates amongst homeless and stably housed populations in Wales. There will also be more detailed analysis of the impacts and outcomes of rapid rehousing in Scotland.