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Introduction

The UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) is a consortium of 13 partners led by the University of Glasgow (and includes Cardiff University), which was established in August 2017. The Centre, which is currently funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, 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 were presented at the May and September 2019, September 2020, June 2021 and May 2022 meetings. The first of these is available on the Welsh Government website. See link below:

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-06/housing-information-group-9-may-2019-uk-collaborative-centre-for-housing-evidence-briefing-paper-may-2019.pdf>

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 May 2022 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) as it enters a second phase of its work (2022-2026).

Recently Published CaCHE Research

Over the last 4-5 months CaCHE has continued to progress with its programme of work. The following reports and papers have been published from late May – September 2022 (and were not covered in previous HIG updates).

Evidence Review of Home Adaptations in the UK and other OECD Countries.

The link is below:

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/evidence-review-of-home-adaptations-in-the-uk-and-other-oecd-countries/>

Adapting the Adaptations Process: Tackling the Barriers within Policy and Practice.

https://housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Adaptations-The-Gap-Between-Policy-and-Practice-web_ready_final.pdf

Policy Choices for Glasgow Traditional Tenements - Retrofitting for Sustainable and Affordable Carbon Reduction. Link below:

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/policy-choices-for-glasgow-traditional-tenements-retrofitting-for-sustainable-and-affordable-carbon-reduction/>

How to Combine Action on Housing Retrofit with Tackling Health Inequalities (and other injustices) – briefing paper. See link below:

https://housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/220615-How-to-combine-action-on-housing-retrofit-with-tackling-health-inequalities_final_web-ready.pdf

Rent Control: Principles, Practicalities, and International Experience – briefing paper. Link is below:

https://housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/220518-rent-control-briefing_v3.pdf

Rent Regulation: Unpacking the Debates. Academic article in International journal of Housing Policy. Link is available here:

<https://housingevidence.ac.uk/publications/rent-regulation-unpacking-the-debates/>

Domestic Abuse and Housing: Policy focus since the COVID-19 pandemic. Link is below:

https://housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/220708-domestic-abuse-during-covid_final.pdf

Resilience in the Housing System: Market Institutions from the Global Financial Crisis to COVID-19. Link is below:

https://housingevidence.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/220803-Resilience-in-the-housing-system_final2.pdf

Ongoing CaCHE Research

Several other research projects are underway with outputs expected later this year or early in 2023. 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

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

Ethnic inequalities in housing: policy and practice understandings and responses

Cross-cutting issues

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.

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

The Future of CaCHE

CaCHE has been funded for just over five years and in that time has produced more than 60 research projects. Late last year a bid for further funding (2022-2026) was made to the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Arts and Humanities Research Council and we have now received confirmation that CaCHE will be funded by these two organisations for a further 4 years from 1st November 2022.

Whilst the bid has been 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 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 and Place (including design and land use planning)
- Housing Inequalities
- Retrofitting Housing (environmental and economic sustainability)

There will also be three cross-cutting themes.

- 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/>

Forthcoming Events

CaCHE will be co-hosting the Wales Housing Research Conference 2022 (organised by the Housing Research Network of the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data).

This FREE event (and lunch will be provided) will be held on **Monday 19th December 2022** from **9:30 am to 5:30 pm** in the Glamorgan Building of Cardiff University (King Edward VII Avenue, Cardiff CF10 3WA).

Further information about the conference and a link to register is available below:

<https://wiserd.ac.uk/event/wales-housing-research-conference-2022/>

Those who may wish to present their research are invited to submit a title and brief abstract (max. 250 words) to MackieP@cardiff.ac.uk by **30th September 2022**.

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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