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# **An Insight into CaCHE Research on the Private Rented Sector**

## **Presentation to Housing Rights Conference**

20 November 2019



# Background

- Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE) established in September 2017
- Independent consortium of 10 universities and 3 professional bodies
- Key funders JRF and ESRC (and in NI the DfC)
- HQ in Glasgow University
- 5 Knowledge Exchange Hubs – including one based at Ulster University



# Guiding Principles

- Independent research to address evidence gaps – findings to inform policy and practice
- Particular focus on addressing poverty and inequality
- Effective use of existing datasets – large datasets
- Systematic evidence reviews - consistent UK wide
- Interdisciplinary and collaborative
- Providing support and funding for small projects:  
*e.g. Falling Behind*



- Focus for knowledge exchange
- Three meetings
- Prioritisation process: Supply, 'Ideal' housing market and affordability
- Private rented sector seen as a key focus of research work
- Stakeholder engagement sessions
- A number of prs research projects of particular relevance to NI



# Generation Rent

*The 'Frustrated' Housing Aspirations of Generation Rent*  
(August 2018):

- Most still aspired to homeownership in the longer term – but constrained by e.g. insecure work and student debt – more nuanced understanding of aspirations required
- Insecure housing leads to significant negative impacts on well-being – particularly mental health
- 'Generation Rent' too simple – young people's experiences shaped as much by income and family resources



# Housing Aspirations

*Understanding Housing Aspirations and Choices in Changing Contexts : (March 2018)*

- Housing choices, aspirations and expectations being reconfigured by the current housing market context
- Crucial difference between aspirations and realistic expectations – impacted by perceptions of affordability – changing access to housing shaping aspirations



# Monitoring the PRS

*Private Renting Reforms: how to evidence the impact of legislation (November 2018)*

- Examines three pieces of legislation in Scotland (Landlord Registration, Tenancy Deposit Scheme and new residential tenancy arrangements)
- Proposes framework for evaluating impact and improving data sources: e.g. estimate of % landlords who remain unregistered; performance statistics on TDS; eviction statistics



## *An Evaluation and Illustrative Pilot of the Scottish HNDA Tool (Forthcoming)*

- Integrated analysis of the housing market as a whole
- Emphasis on scenario planning
- Rational basis for estimating need/demand for subsidised and unsubsidised privately rented dwellings under a range of market conditions





# Ongoing PRS Work

- Kim McKee: Beyond Generation Rent
- Steve Rolfe: Involving tenants in governance of private rented sector
- Forms and mechanisms of exclusion in contemporary housing systems
- Alternative approaches to resolving housing disputes
- <https://housingevidence.ac.uk/our-work/research-projects/>



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