Housing Conditions Evidence Programme

Welsh Housing Conditions Survey, 2017-18

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The purpose of this document is to provide users and interested parties with an indication of the planned outputs from the Welsh Housing Conditions Survey (WHCS) 2017-18.

Statistical First Release (SFR)

Headline, national level results were published on the [WHCS website](https://www.gov.uk/) on December 6 2018. The purpose of this release was to provide a good indication of the data available from the survey and effectively release it into the public domain. The release was accompanied by a Results Viewer which enables users to explore data on a range of topics. A number of supporting documents were also published, such as a Quality Report and Technical Report.

Detailed topic reports (national level)

Now that the headline release has been published, the HCEP team will move on to producing detailed topic reports. It is anticipated that these will be published from early 2019 onwards. As a result of consultation with users, both internal and external to Welsh Government, the reports listed below have been identified for publication, in priority order.

Please note that the first topic report will now be on the Welsh Housing Quality Standard as this was not included in the headline release.

- Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS)
- Housing Stock characteristics and condition (e.g. age of stock, type, tenure, construction, amenities, parking provision, outside space, accessibility, local area); household characteristics (occupancy levels, age of head of household, household composition, housing finance etc).
- Energy Efficiency of Dwellings (inc. heating and energy measures etc).
- Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS).
- Aids and Adaptations.
Fuel Poverty Analysis

Our intention is to publish headline (national) fuel poverty figures in April 2019, and more detailed fuel poverty analysis in the summer.

Linking WHCS data with health information in the SAIL Databank and other sources

There is a lot of interest in linking housing condition data from the WHCS with data on the health and wellbeing of households (be this from the National Survey for Wales or data sources held in the SAIL Databank). This is something that the HCEP team and Welsh Government is keen to facilitate and will look into over the next year.

Lower level data/analysis

The WHCS 2017-18 provides national level estimates only, initially. The HCEP team will be working to use the WHCS data alongside various other data sources including those accessed as part of the other project within the Programme, the Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales, to model housing condition data down to lower geographies. This is something that the team will be looking at after the detailed topic analysis.

Accessing data sets for your own research and analysis

As soon as is possible after the publication of the headline release, selected datasets will be filed with the UK Data Archive. More detailed datasets may be made available to users subject to a suitable case being made and establishment of a Data Access Agreement with the Welsh Government’s Knowledge and Analytical Services. Data will also be available on request as per our usual ad-hoc process.

Contact us

If you have any queries about this plan, the survey, or the Programme as a whole, please contact stats.housingconditions@gov.wales.

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