

# GSS Statistical Coherence

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# Context



- Housing and planning statistics are devolved and decentralized
  - Produced by Devolved Administrations, multiple departments & various arms length bodies
- Office for Statistics Regulation highlighted coherence issues with housing statistics
- Meeting the GSS Strategy “Better Statistics, Better Decisions”

# Cross Government Group



Ministry of Housing,  
Communities &  
Local Government



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England

# Who we are

- Cross government groups, collaborating to improve housing and planning statistics in terms of:
  - Coherence
  - Quality
  - Harmonisation
  - Accessibility
  - User engagement

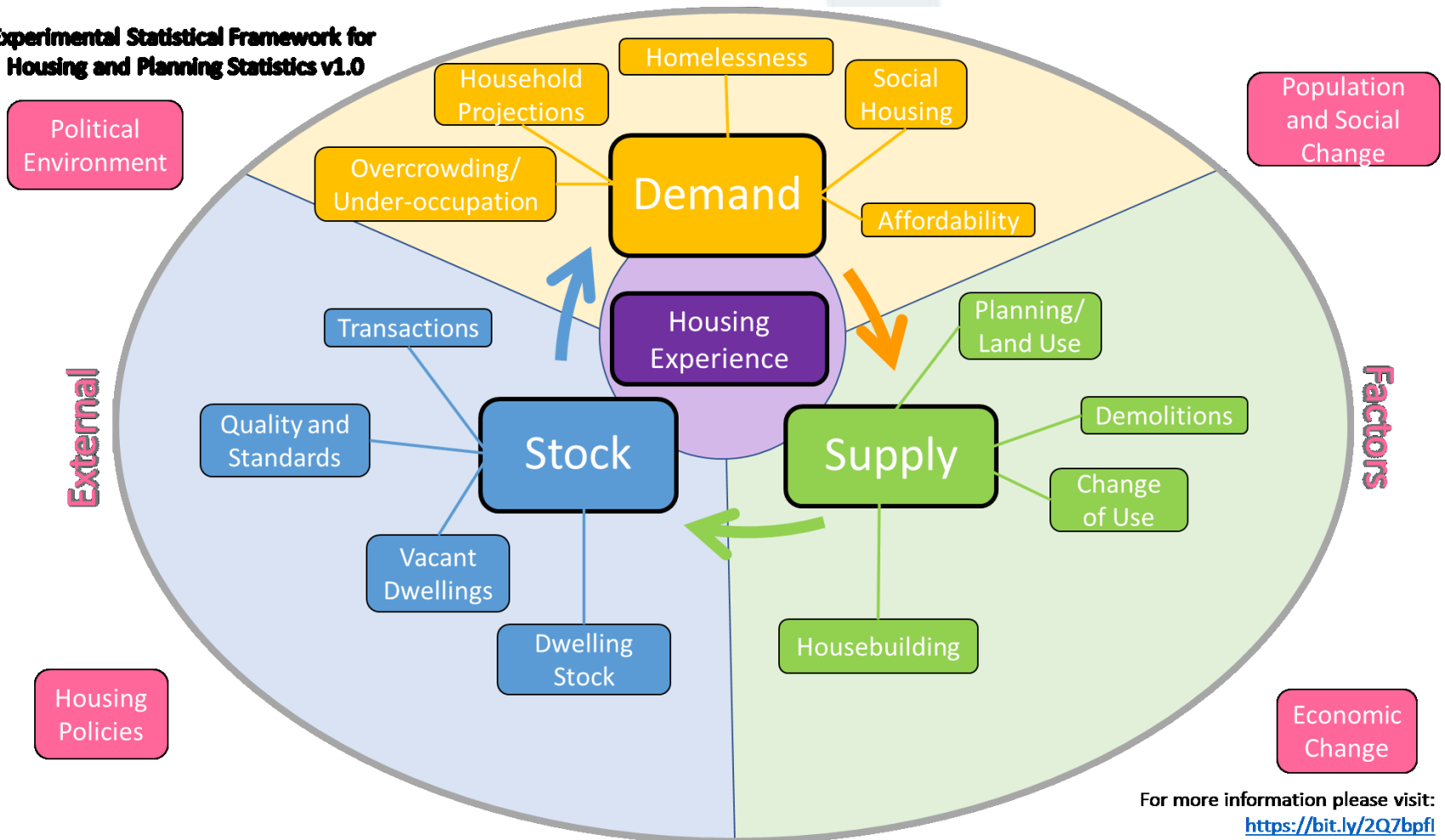
# Progress



- Various quality improvements to individual publications
  - First housing conditions survey since 2008 in Wales
  - New methodology for housing projections in England
  - Many more..
- Creation of a guide to housing statistics, an overview of who produces what statistics and a coherence framework.
- Publication of Private Rented Sector statistics article
- Review of harmonisation of homelessness definitions (soon)

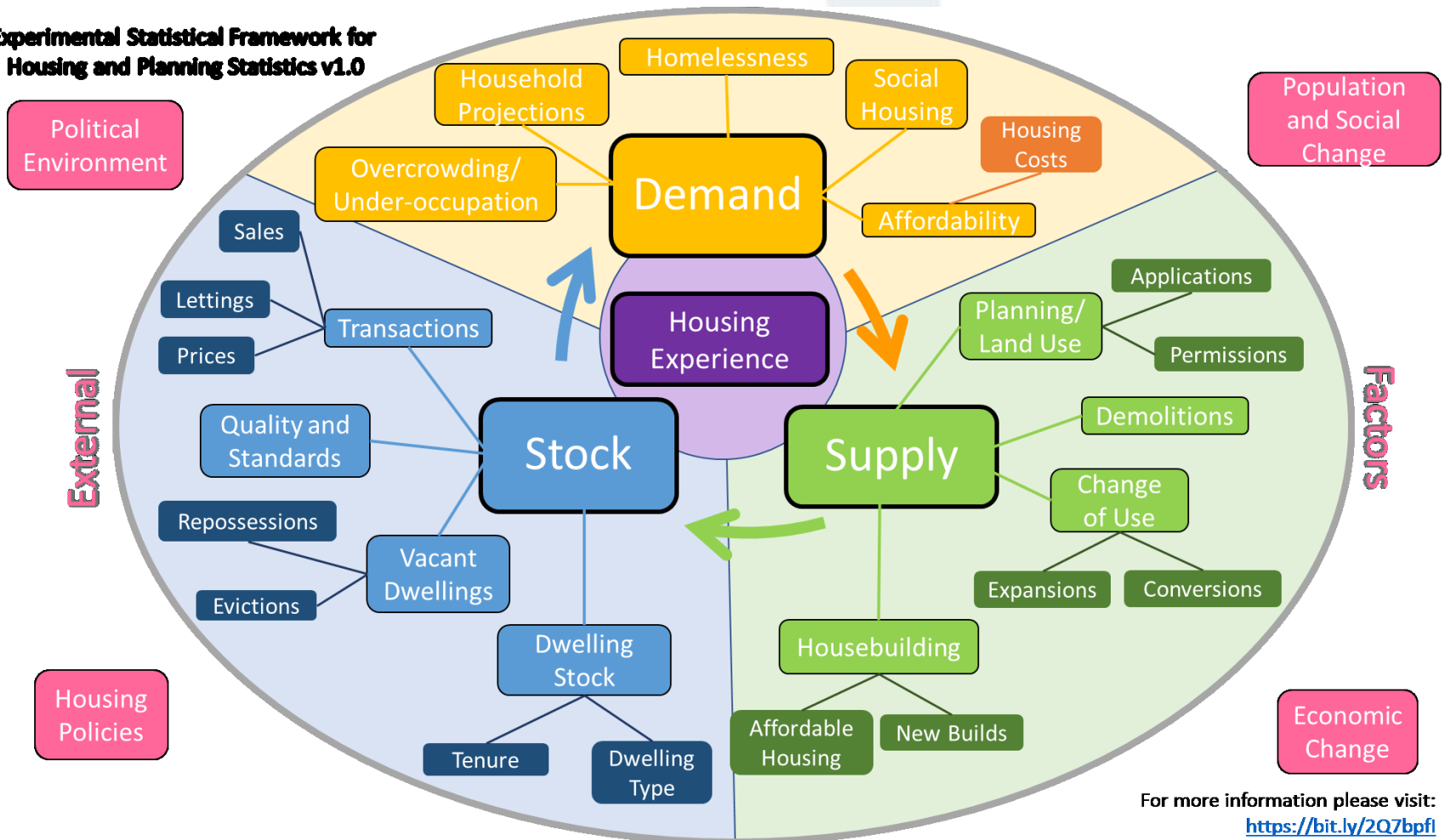
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# Next Steps

- Update work programme to cover 2019/2020
- Publication of cross-UK analysis of homelessness and affordable housing statistics
- Improve accessibility by adding Dwelling Stock by Tenure data to the GSS Data Project
- **Based on your feedback address gaps in availability and coherence of housing and planning statistics.**





# Private Rented Sector Statistics

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Welsh Government



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Communities &  
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Department for  
**Communities**



The Scottish  
Government  
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# Key sources

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- Annual Population Survey

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Differences  
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standards

# Private Rented Sector Article

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- Increase in PRS households from 2.8 million in 2007 to 4.5 million in 2017 in the UK
- Younger households are more likely to rent privately than older households
- Households in the private rented sector are getting older
- 62% of households in the private rented sector in the UK had spent under three years in the same accommodation
- Northern Ireland has the newest private rented dwelling stock in the UK, while Wales has the oldest

# Improving PRS statistics- summary of findings

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- Granularity of price data
- Understanding of the PRS
- Coherence and comparability
- People in the PRS

# PRS development work

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- Lower geographic breakdown for ONS rental releases
- Improve consistency between inflation and rental price measures
- Further developments on measuring stock of private rented sector



# PRS development work

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- Development of HSAR for Wales
- English Private Landlords survey
- RoS taking over Landlord registration system

# Thank You

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# References

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## Cross-Government Housing Working Group Work Plan

<https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/HousingWorkPlan.pdf>

## Housing and Planning Statistics Framework

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## Housing and Planning Statistics Guide

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## Private Rented Sector Statistics

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