

# Cross UK Statistical Coherence

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# Context



- Housing and planning statistics are devolved and decentralised
  - 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”

# Who we are

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

# Cross Government Groups



Ministry of Housing,  
Communities &  
Local Government



Valuation Office  
Agency



Homes  
England

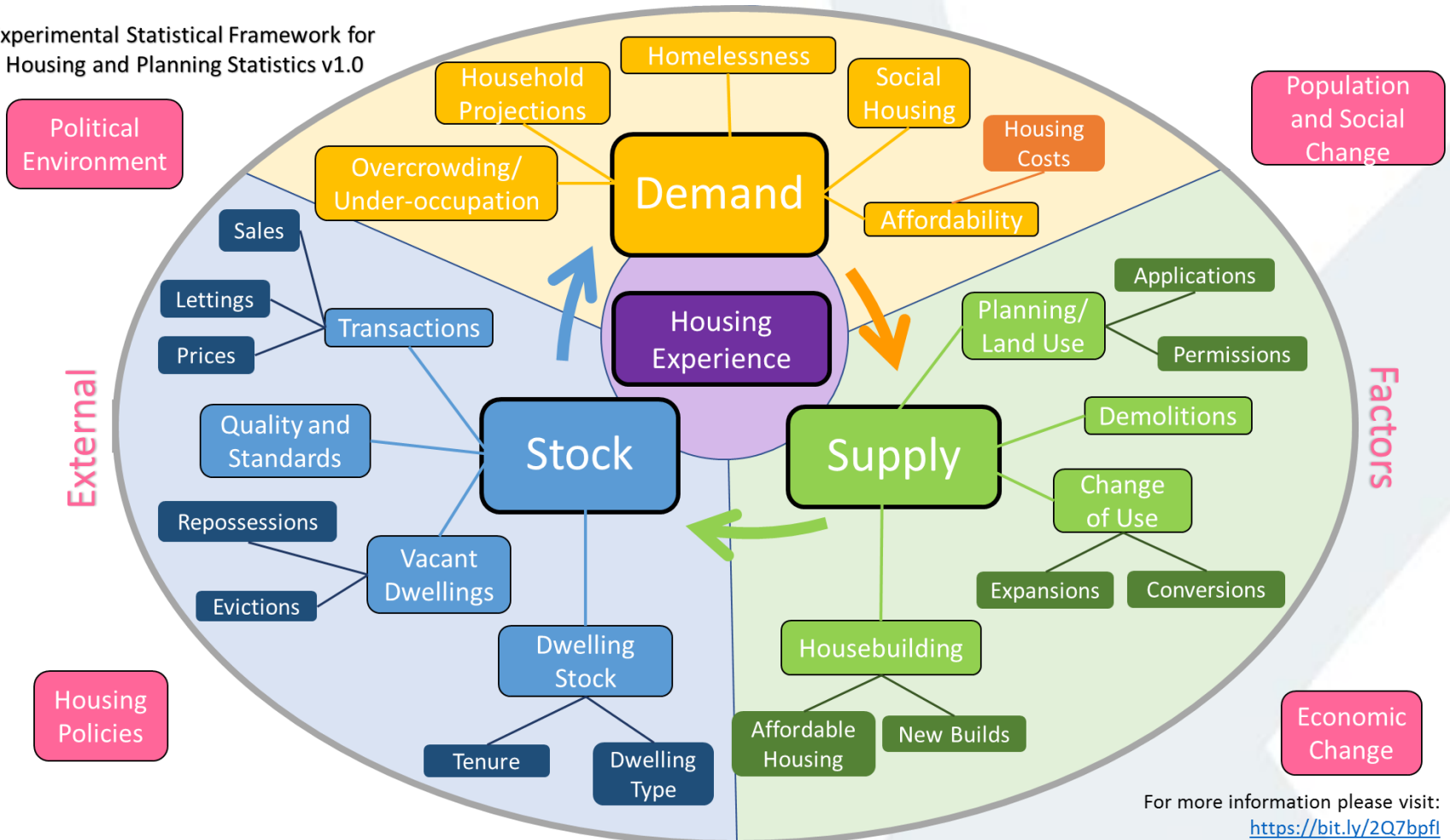
# Progress



- 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
- Initial steps into creating the Connected Open Government Statistics (COGS) data repository

# Housing and Planning Statistics: Framework

Experimental Statistical Framework for Housing and Planning Statistics v1.0



# Engagement

- User engagement events in Cardiff, London and now Edinburgh
- Consultation with over 140 responses from a broad range of users
- Respondents were interested in a range of different statistics shown in the word cloud:
- There were three key themes for improvement identified:
  - Geography – more lower level data
  - Accessibility – ease of accessing data
  - Methodology – concern about different definitions across producers



# Connected Open Government Statistics (COGS)

- Aim to increase the impact and reach of GSS statistical data by improving how we organise, integrate and deliver GSS data online.
- Data Repository of Published data
- Uses Dataset families – Housing, Trade, Health
- Tidy Data and Linked Data - Machine-ready data that can easily be linked.
- Tools to access and use the data



# Next Steps



- We recently published our work programme to cover 2019/2020 and beyond
- Publication of cross-UK analysis of homelessness and affordable housing statistics
- Continue to enhance the accessibility of government housing statistics particularly into machine readable formats
- Based on your feedback address gaps in availability and coherence of housing and planning statistics.

# Thank You

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Cross-Government Housing Working Group Webpage

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Cross-Government Housing Working Group Work Plan 2019/20

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Housing and Planning Statistics Guide

<https://gss.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/UK-Housing-and-Planning-Statistics.xlsx>

Private Rented Sector Statistics

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/ukprivaterentedsector2018>

Harmonisation of Homelessness Definitions Feasibility Report

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