



Participant Information Sheet

1. Research Project Title

Beyond Generation Rent: understanding the aspirations of older private renters (35+)

2. Background, aims of project

In the UK, growing numbers of people are living in the private rented sector as homeownership becomes more unaffordable and social housing increasingly difficult to access. Researchers from the Universities of Stirling and Glasgow would like to invite you to participate in a research project on this key issue, which has a particular focus on the perspectives of those aged 35-54 years old. We are interested in peoples' experiences of living in the private rented sector; how they came to live there; and their housing aspirations for the future. You have been invited to take part in this study as we believe you fall within the demographic of people we are interested in speaking too – we would be very interested to hear from you and value your insights.

3. Do I have to take part?

This information sheet has been provided to help you decide if you would like to take part. Your involvement is entirely voluntary; it is up to you alone. If you do decide to take part you can withdraw your participation at any time without needing to explain and without penalty by advising the research team. You can also withdraw your data within 1 week of the interview.

4. What will happen if I take part?

Your involvement would require a one-off telephone interview that should last approximately an hour. It will be arranged for a time and date that is convenient to you. We seek your permission to record your interview with us, and will seek your written consent prior to the interview starting. Prior to the interview taking place you will also be asked if you would like to take some digital photos of your home to help with the discussion. This is entirely voluntary. At the end of the interview the researcher will also ask you to complete a few demographic questions to help us contextualise your responses. It includes data about age, income and so forth. These are all entirely voluntary.

5. Are there any potential risks in taking part?

There are no anticipated risks of taking part in this study.

6. Are there any benefits in taking part?

Your views are important to us in understanding the experiences of private renters in the UK. You will receive a £20 voucher for taking part to thank you for your contribution to the project, in recognition of the time you have given to talk to us about your experiences and perspectives.

As part of the project we will be recording personal data relating to you. This will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under GDPR the legal basis for processing your personal data will be public interest/the official authority of the University.

7. What happens to the data I provide?

Please be assured any information you provide to us will be treated with the strictest confidence. Only the research team will have access to your personal data and contact information for the purposes of the research. All research data (e.g. interview materials, images) will be coded – to prevent you being identified your data will be assigned a numeric code and a pseudonym will be used when we write up the research. All your information will be stored on a password protected computer, with hard copies of any signed consent forms stored in a locked filing cabinet. During the study, it will only be accessible by the research team. After the project has ended, and only with your permission, your data will be archived and stored indefinitely for future scholarly purposes. Please see accompanying Consent Form for further details.

8. Future uses of the data

Due to the nature of this research, it is very likely that other researchers may find the data to be useful in answering other research questions. We will ask for your explicit consent for your data to be shared in this way and, if you agree, we will ensure that the data collected is stored in a coded format (e.g. pseudonym used). However, through the stories you tell us and the images you may provide there is the possibility you may still be identifiable. This is something you need to consider before you complete the attached Consent Form.

9. Will the research be published?

The results of the research will be finalised by the end of 2019, and written up as part of the project's findings. This may include a project report, blogs, media articles, presentations and scholarly publications (e.g. journal articles, books). Whilst we may draw on the quotes from your interview data and/or images you will always be anonymised (e.g. your real name will not be used).

The University of Stirling is committed to making the outputs of research publically accessible and supports this commitment through our online open access repository STORRE. Unless

funder/publisher requirements prevent us this research will be publicly disseminated through our open access repository.

10. Who is organising and funding the research?

This project is part of the programme of work of the UK Collaborative Centre for Housing Evidence (CaCHE). It is a consortium of 10 UK Universities and 3 non-academic partners led by the University of Glasgow. Its activities are funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. This particular project on *Beyond Generation Rent* is being conducted by Dr Kim McKee (University of Stirling) and Prof. Moira Munro and Dr Adriana Soaita (University of Glasgow).

11. Who has reviewed this research project?

This project has been ethically approved via The University of Stirling General University Ethics Panel.

12. Your rights

You have the right to request to see a copy of the personal information we hold about you and to request corrections or deletions of the information that is no longer required.

You have the right to withdraw from this project at any time without giving reasons and without consequences to you. You also have the right to object to us processing relevant personal data however, please note that once the research data are being analysed and/or results published it may not be possible to remove your data from the study. Please contact the research team within 1 week if you wish to withdraw your research data. This is highlighted on the Consent Form.

13. Who do I contact if I have concerns about this study or I wish to complain?

If you would like to discuss the research with someone please contact the Project Lead:

Dr Kim McKee, Email: kim.mckee@stir.ac.uk, Telephone: 01786 466274

If at any time you have concerns about the project you can discuss this with the following context, who is independent of the project: Professor Alison Bowes, E: a.m.bowes@stir.ac.uk T: 01786 467695.

You have the right to lodge a complaint against the University regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>).

The University's Data Protection Officer is Joanna Morrow, Deputy Secretary. If you have any questions relating to data protection these can be addressed to data.protection@stir.ac.uk in the first instance.



Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet. If you are happy to take part in this study please contact one of the research team.

You have been given a copy of this information sheet to keep.