

INTERVIEW TOPIC GUIDE

These are the general questions we will cover. But the ordering and nature of probes, will vary depending on participants' responses.

HOUSING HISTORY

- Could you please describe your home and your current living arrangements to me?
- Can you tell me why you rent from a private landlord?
- Can you briefly tell me where you have lived before moving to this property?

THE PRESENT

I will ask now some questions related to your current living situation and I will start with the pictures you sent. By the way, thank you for sending the pictures to us.

- Could you now please take me through the pictures and tell me what they mean to you?
- What do you like/dislike about living there?
- To what extent do you feel settled in this property? How does living in the PRS make you feel about your home?
- What would be your ideal housing situation for the time being?
- How does your current housing situation impact on your life, more generally? (e.g. work, family, ability to save)
- Do you see yourself living in this property much longer? Why/why not?
- Overall would you say that your experience of living in the private rented sector has been a positive or negative one? Why?

THE FUTURE

Now I will ask some questions related to your long-term future.

- Thinking ahead to the future – what is your ideal living situation?
- To what extent do you expect things to change for you in the future? Why?
- How would you feel if in 10 years' time you were still renting privately?
- Would you say that your friends/peer groups housing experiences are broadly the same or do they differ? Why do you think that is the case?

TENANCY REFORM

I would like to ask about the new Scottish private sector tenancy law:

- Are you aware that private tenancy rights have changed in Scotland?
[If not, give brief summary]
- How do you feel about these new changes?
- Have these changes made any difference to your experience of renting?

For tenants elsewhere in the UK:

- Would you welcome similar legal changes where you live?
- To what extent would these changes make a difference to your experience of renting?

For both:

- What other changes would you like to see regarding the private rental sector?