

## Household Analysis Review Group (HARG)

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### General update on NRS Household Statistics branch

#### Introduction

This paper provides a brief update on the NRS Household Statistics branch and its work since the last meeting of HARG in November 2016.

#### Branch

The branch currently comprises:

- Sandy Taylor, Statistician (joined January 2018)
- Graham Galloway, Assistant Statistician (joined October 2017)
- Stefania Sechi, Assistant Statistician (joined October 2017)

We are therefore a relatively new team and in the last year have been focussed mainly on preparing updates of the branch's key statistical publications on household estimates and household projections, and contributing material to NRS's flagship statistical publication, [Scotland's population - Registrar General's Annual review of Demographic Trends](#)

#### Publications

The following publications on household statistics (with month of publication shown in brackets) have been released by NRS since November 2016:

##### [Household estimates](#)

Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland – 2016 (June 2017)  
Estimates of Households and Dwellings in Scotland – 2017 (May 2018)

(Small area - 2001 and 2011 data zones - statistics on households and dwellings were also released with each of these publications.)

##### [Household projections](#)

Household Projections for Scotland, 2014-based (January 2017)  
Household Projections for Scotland's Strategic Development Plan areas and National Parks, 2014-based (April 2017)  
Household Projections for Scotland – 2016-based (July 2018)

The mid-2018 set of estimates of households and dwellings for Scotland is due to be published on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Due to an as yet uncompleted review of the data sharing agreement between NRS and the

Scottish Assessors, updated data on characteristics of dwellings - council tax band, property type and number of rooms per dwelling - will not be available in time for this publication. We plan to publish these statistics separately later this year, once the data sharing agreement with the Assessors has been finalised. Otherwise the publication will contain similar breakdown and analysis of the data as previous years and will also include new analysis on vacant dwellings and on small area statistics.

The next (2018-based) set of household projections for Scotland (and for council areas, SDP areas and National Parks) is due to be published around July of 2020 (in line with their update every two years).

### **Development work**

Following the completion of the last round of publications in summer 2018, the branch has been carrying out various pieces of development work, including:

- Reviewing the methodology used for household projections – see paper HARG (19) 3 for further details
- Constructing a back series of dwelling estimates for 2011 data zones

In autumn 2018, the branch also took on responsibility for the collection and publication of electoral statistics, with [data as at December 2018](#) published in March 2019.

### **Summary**

Members of the Group are asked to note this general update on the work of NRS Household Statistics branch.

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