

The Centre of Regional Economic and Social Research at Sheffield Hallam University are currently undertaking a **survey of supported housing providers** across England Scotland and Wales. This is part of a wider research project on the supported housing sector which has been commissioned by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). This research will update and build on the [2016 supported accommodation review](#).

Hopefully, you will have already received a link to the survey to complete. If not, please see the **editable PDF version of the questionnaire (in HSEU resources)** or **contact the research team at: d.leather@shu.ac.uk and they will send one to you direct**).

Full instructions are available on the front page of the questionnaire. **Please return completed surveys direct to David Leather who is part of the Sheffield Hallam University research team: d.leather@shu.ac.uk**. If you have any questions about the questionnaire, want to know more about the study, or need any assistance please do not hesitate to **contact David Leather** and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

The research team appreciate that everyone is really busy, so they are **extending the deadline for the survey to FRIDAY 30th JUNE**. They hope that this extension will allow as many supported housing providers as possible to be able to respond.

We encourage you to complete the survey as it will help to provide up to date evidence on the size, cost and demand for the supported housing sector and how this varies by client group and type of provider. There are also open ended questions at the end of the survey to voice your views.

This DLUHC and DWP research will inform ongoing policy work to ensure residents in supported housing receive good quality support and accommodation. In England, this is currently focused on the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Bill, and DLUHC is also working closely with DWP on Housing Benefit (HB) rules which apply across Great Britain.

Sheffield Hallam University are grateful for your time in completing the survey as it really makes a difference to the overall research and robustness of the findings to hear from as many supported housing providers as possible.

The Sheffield Hallam University research team also want to speak to providers of supported housing in more depth, either via a discussion with a member of the team or by taking part in a case study. This would give you a chance to give your perspective on the factors affecting supported housing provision. All data collected will be anonymised and not attributed to any individual or organisation in reporting. It is expected that the research findings will be published by the end of 2023. Please get in contact with Professor Christina Beatty (C.Beatty@shu.ac.uk) if you would like to know more about taking part in the wider research project.

Thank you in advance for your time and that of your colleagues – it is much appreciated.