Cross Government Housing and Planning Statistics Work Programme¹, May 2018

Improving Coherence	
Prioritise topics on which to provide insight across the four countries of the UK, using existing data, starting with the Private Rented Sector	July 2018
Publish a UK article on the Private Rented Sector, bringing together existing data sources to assess comparability, coherence, and assess any data limitations	Late 2018
Develop a Conceptual Framework across the UK for housing and planning statistics to illustrate how we are measuring the housing and planning landscape, and assist in identification of priority topics for further improvement	September 2018
Improving Quality	
 Improve new House Building statistics for England and Wales: Produce initial plan to improve coherence between quarterly and annual estimates for House Building statistics for England (<i>MHCLG</i>) Assess options for improving the coverage and quality of New House Building statistics for Wales (<i>WG</i>) 	June 2018 Early 2019
Taking into account country specific requirements relating to legislation/policy, improve the measurement of Homelessness and Rough Sleepers	To required timescales
Plan next priorities for quality improvement or to fill gaps in user need, taking a topic based approach	September 2018
Implement new methodology for Household Projections for England (ONS)	September 2018 (prov)
Publish first Housing Conditions data for Wales since 2008 (WG)	November 2018
Scope the potential to create a comprehensive and consistent profile of Northern Ireland Housing Stock (DfC NI)	November 2018
Implement initial improvements to Dwelling Stock by Tenure statistics for England and Sub National Housing Affordability statistics for England and Wales (ONS)	March 2019
Create relevant UK Subnational Housing analyses in areas with limited official statistics such as landlords, mortgages and communal establishments (ONS)	Dependent on user consultation

 $^{^{1}}$ For country specific deliverables the lead department is shown in italics. Otherwise, the Cross Government Housing Steering Group will lead

Improving Harmonisation	
Produce a work programme for developing harmonized UK definitions across the four countries, where feasible, or promoting transparency where definitions are based on devolved legislation	Autumn 2018
Conduct feasibility work and aim to develop a UK understanding of Homelessness definitions as a first priority	November 2018
Improving Accessibility to Data	
Develop a summary guide for users showing availability of data by producing body	July 2018
Building upon open data initiatives in the four countries, consider how to improve user accessibility to data given the multi-producing bodies, including collaboration with external partners and inhouse strategic solutions	September 2018
Review England Housing and Planning statistical releases to align with user interest as opposed to data collection streams, starting with Social Housing statistics (MHCLG)	March 2019
Take forward work on developing a Housing Stock Analytical Resource for Wales, bringing together a range of data on the condition and energy efficiency of housing stock (WG)	March 2019
Improving User Engagement	
Consider the optimal user engagement model with government and non-government users across the four countries of the UK to feed into continuing review of priorities	September 2018