



**FIFE KEYFUND**

**SUSTAINABILITY  
STUDY  
2020**



As part of an ongoing commitment to inform on the viability of the Private Rented Sector in the housing market, Trust in Fife have completed their annual Sustainability Study. This study captures statistics from clients who accommodated, in the Private Rented Sector, with assistance of a Fife Keyfund Deposit Guarantee, during the financial year 2017/2018.

The clients were accommodated throughout Fife, although with a predominance in and around town centres and transport links, however, as always, the Private Rented Sector has continued to be one of the best housing options for those who need to be close to family and employment in the more rural towns and villages across Fife.

This year the Keyfund team contacted clients, Landlords and Agents of the 89 tenancies Fife Keyfund closed within the study's timeframe; acknowledging that a period of, at least, two years had passed from the date these clients would have signed either a Scottish Short Assured Tenancy Agreement or the new Private Residential Tenancy Agreement.

The Fife Keyfund team looked to ascertain how many clients were still accommodated within the same property, or if not, the type of tenure they were now living in; with this information providing evidence as to how the Private Rented Sector continues to offer sustainable long, or short-term, housing options.

**Outcomes**  
**Tenants assisted in the financial year 2017/2018**

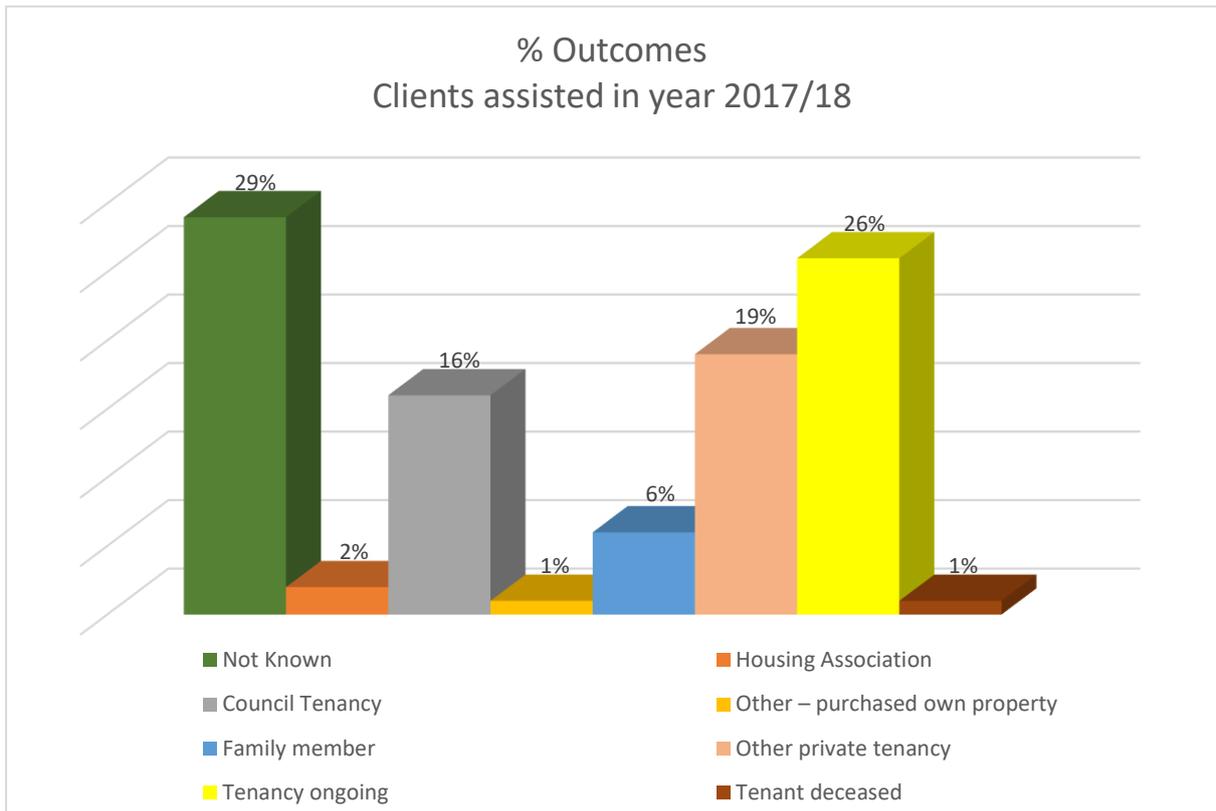
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Not Known	26	29 %
Housing Association	2	2 %
Council Tenancy	14	16 %
Other – purchased own property	1	1 %
Family member	5	6 %
Other private tenancy	17	19 %
Tenancy ongoing	23	26 %
Tenant deceased	1	1 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100%</b>

The study shows that, on the whole, clients were given assistance, throughout their contact with Fife Keyfund, in alleviating their homelessness and follow on advice in regard to tenancy sustainment; thus allowing them to either continue in their original properties or move positively into alternative tenures. Once again, evidencing the worth of the Private Rented Sector as a sustainable tenancy source or a steppingstone to more appropriate long-term housing once a homeless situation has been alleviated.

As can be seen from the findings, 64% of clients managed to sustain positive tenures since Fife Keyfund closed their cases. These clients mostly being either still in their original private let (Tenancy Ongoing); moved on to alternative private rented sector accommodation; or moved to Social Housing through Fife Council and Housing Association.

Five people have also had the much-needed time to build bridges with family members to allow them to return home.

Unfortunately, 26 clients were uncontactable, many, but not all, of those having left their private let in a less than positive way and having changed contact details. Among this group were the more vulnerable, and transient, clients, most trying to cope with multiple personal issues and struggling to juggle contact with professionals attempting to assist.



Through the Fife Keyfund team, Trust in Fife continues to work actively with private landlords and agents, as well as Fife Council, to alleviate and prevent homelessness and continues to encourage and assist clients to source permanent and sustainable housing within the Private Rented Sector.