



FIFE KEYFUND

**SUSTAINABILITY
STUDY
2021**



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 2018/2019.

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 98 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 a 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.

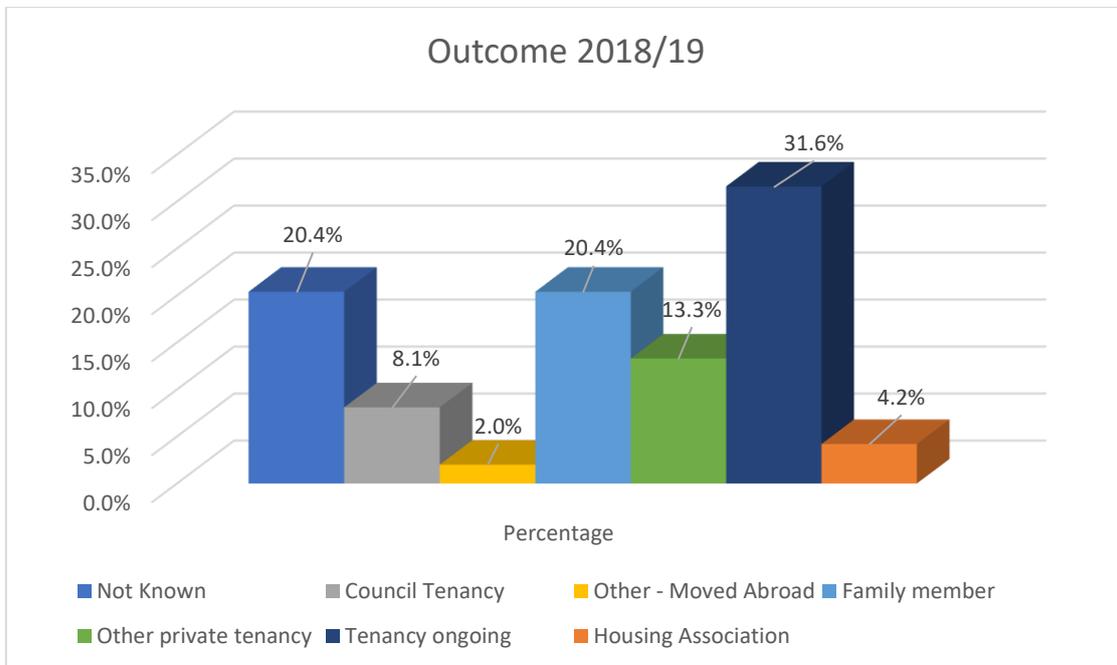
Outcomes
Tenants assisted in the financial year 2018/2019

Outcome	Number	Percentage
Not Known	20	20.4%
Housing Association	4	4.2%
Council Tenancy	8	8.1%
Other – Moved Abroad	2	2.0%
Family member	20	20.4%
Other private tenancy	13	13.3%
Tenancy ongoing	31	31.6%
Total	98	100.0%

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, 57.2% 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. Twenty people have also had the much-needed time to build bridges with family members to allow them to return home.

Unfortunately, twenty 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.



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