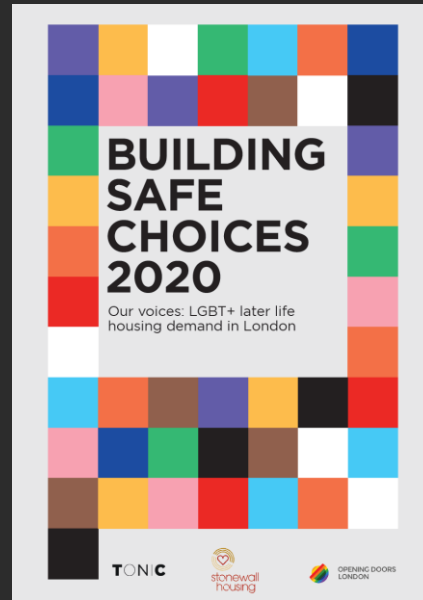
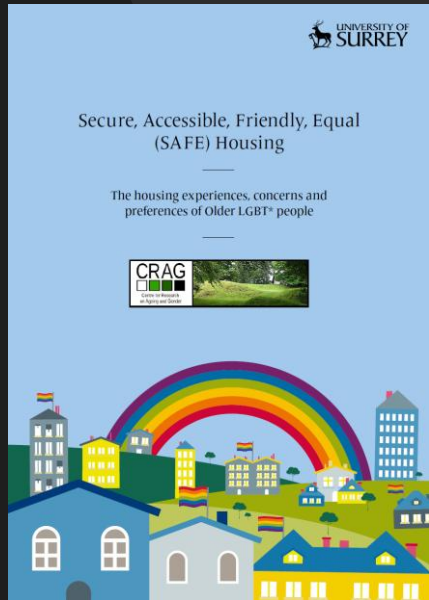


# From Housing with Pride to Making Safe Choices

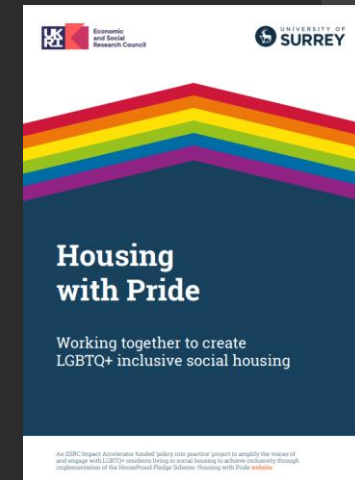
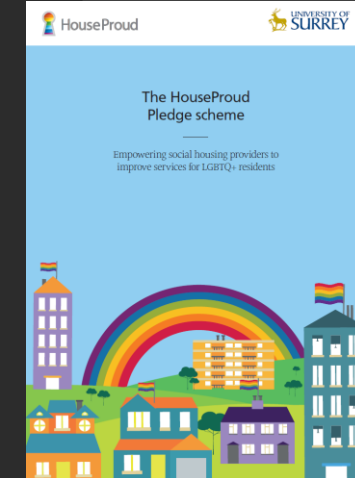
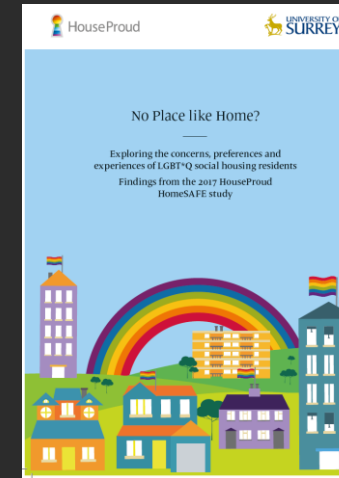
Insights from LGBTQ+ housing research and equality work

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# Insights from 8 years of LGBTQ+ housing research and impact projects...

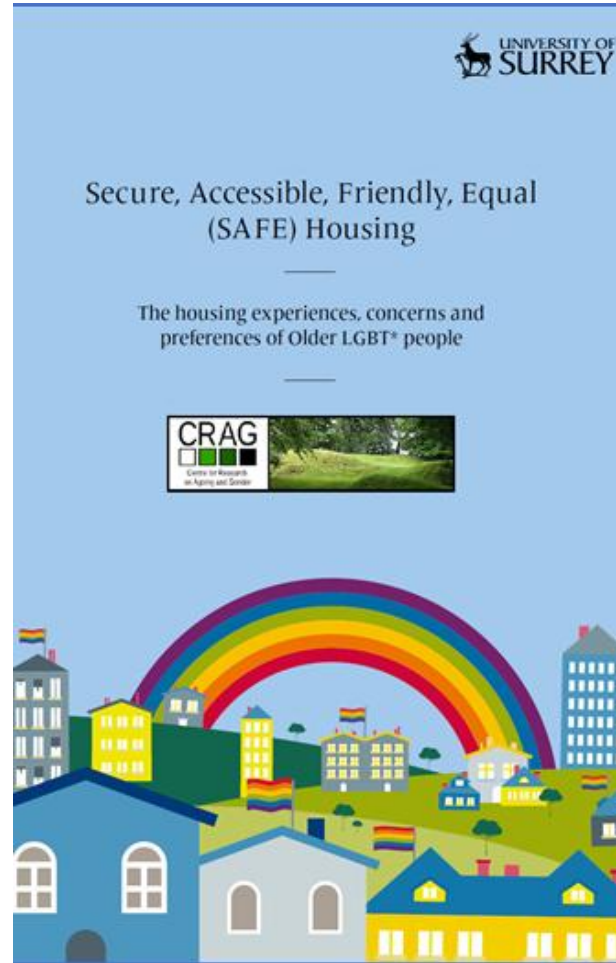


- Collaboration with LGBTQ+ community organisations and the housing sector
- Mixed-Methods and Participatory Action Research



# SAFE Housing Study: 2016-17

- Most felt safe in their own home, but this was dependent on the amount of control over their home environment
- Participants recognized that increasing frailty, poor health and reduced mobility may make them more vulnerable and feel less safe
- Social isolation a big concern



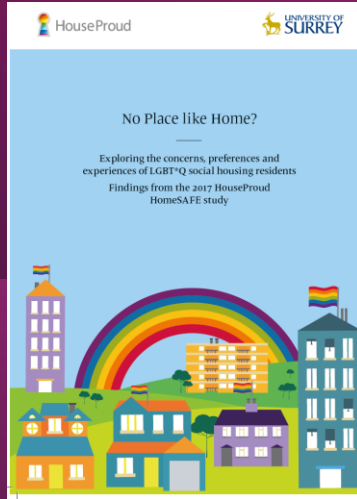
58% of respondents had concerns about housing in later life but 72% had not made any plans

Concerns expressed about mainstream housing for older people

Where care included, most wanted LGBTQ+ specific provision

75% felt an accreditation scheme to identify inclusive housing and care organisations would be useful

# No Place like Home



## LGBTQ+ Housing Pledge



### Comfort and Trust

- Concerns expressed about people coming into the home:
- 36% uncomfortable with neighbours (91% for trans respondents).
- 21% uncomfortable with repairs person, 24% landlord.

### Accreditation

- 72% thought some form of certification of LGBT+ inclusivity a good idea.
  - Staff training is essential
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- Accreditation scheme for housing provider-resident engagement
    - Pledge Pioneer: 3 core commitments
    - Pledge Plus: resident led goal(s)

# Reflections

- Housing needs of older LGBTQ+ people often hidden, misunderstood or ignored by policy makers and providers
- Older LGBTQ+ people are subject to housing inequalities, a lack of inclusive housing options and little or no accessible information to help them make appropriate choices
- Housing in later life provision needs to meet the preferences of older LGBTQ+ people
- Working with older LGBTQ+ people and collaboration between the housing sector, LGBTQ+ support organizations, and government is key to success

# Making Safe Choices (2025): a collaboration project funded by ESRC IAA COLIF scheme

## Understanding current practice

- Scoping review of existing literature, best practice guidelines and other resources

## Co-production

- **Approach:** two co-production workshops with key stakeholders
- **Output 1:** Guide for LGBTQ+ people to help them make safe housing/housing with care choices
- **Output 2:** Support and referral infographic for housing/housing with care sector professionals

## Knowledge exchange & dissemination

- KE summit to share and 'sense check' project output and to raise awareness

Thank you

