



Updates:

Science Capability Review

“realising our ambition through science”



- FSA response supported by existing, well-embedded scientific culture
- Recommendations Include:
 - Acknowledgment of anticipated Spending Review and inclusion of statements on scientific expenditure within- road to the 2.4% GDP target
 - Publication of Areas of Research Interests***
 - Use and support of Public Sector Research Establishments
 - Strengthening the Governmental Science and Engineering Profession and what it offers



National Audit Office Report: Ensuring Food Safety and Standards

<https://www.nao.org.uk/report/ensuring-food-safety-and-standards/>

Pressures Include:

- Local Authorities resourcing, causing challenges to meet statutory objectives in some instances
- Coordination of the food regulation system remains complex in high-risk areas (incl. food hypersensitivity)
- The regulatory system lacks the full range of enforcement powers to ensure businesses supply safe food
- Diversity of food industry and complex global food chains, climate change and population growth

Observations:

- Food businesses are meeting hygiene requirements, and levels of major food-borne illnesses have been broadly stable
- Consumers play an important role in driving improvements in food safety and standards but need better information to make well-informed choices



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Key Recommendations:

- Address gaps in outcome-based measures and targets for assessing compliance with food safety and composition standards (effectiveness KPIs)
- Press ahead with ambitions to introduce mandatory display of Food Hygiene Rating Scores in food businesses in England
- Address gaps in the enforcement powers available to the National Food Crime Unit
- Establish the role that sampling plays in reducing risks to consumers
- Better working together of the Departments in the food regulatory system



- **Governmental Chief Medical Officer Appointment**
- **Changes to FSA Chief Executive**
- **FSA Board Meeting (19th June)**



Professor Chris Whitty

<https://www.food.gov.uk/other/fsa-board-meeting-june-2019>

Food System Research Landscape: Connecting the Dots

- **UKRI Strategic Priorities Fund:**
 - Food System Programme Governance
 - FSA Food Safety Regulatory Fellow
- **National Food Strategy**
- **Defra Systems Research Programme**

- **Horizon Europe?**

