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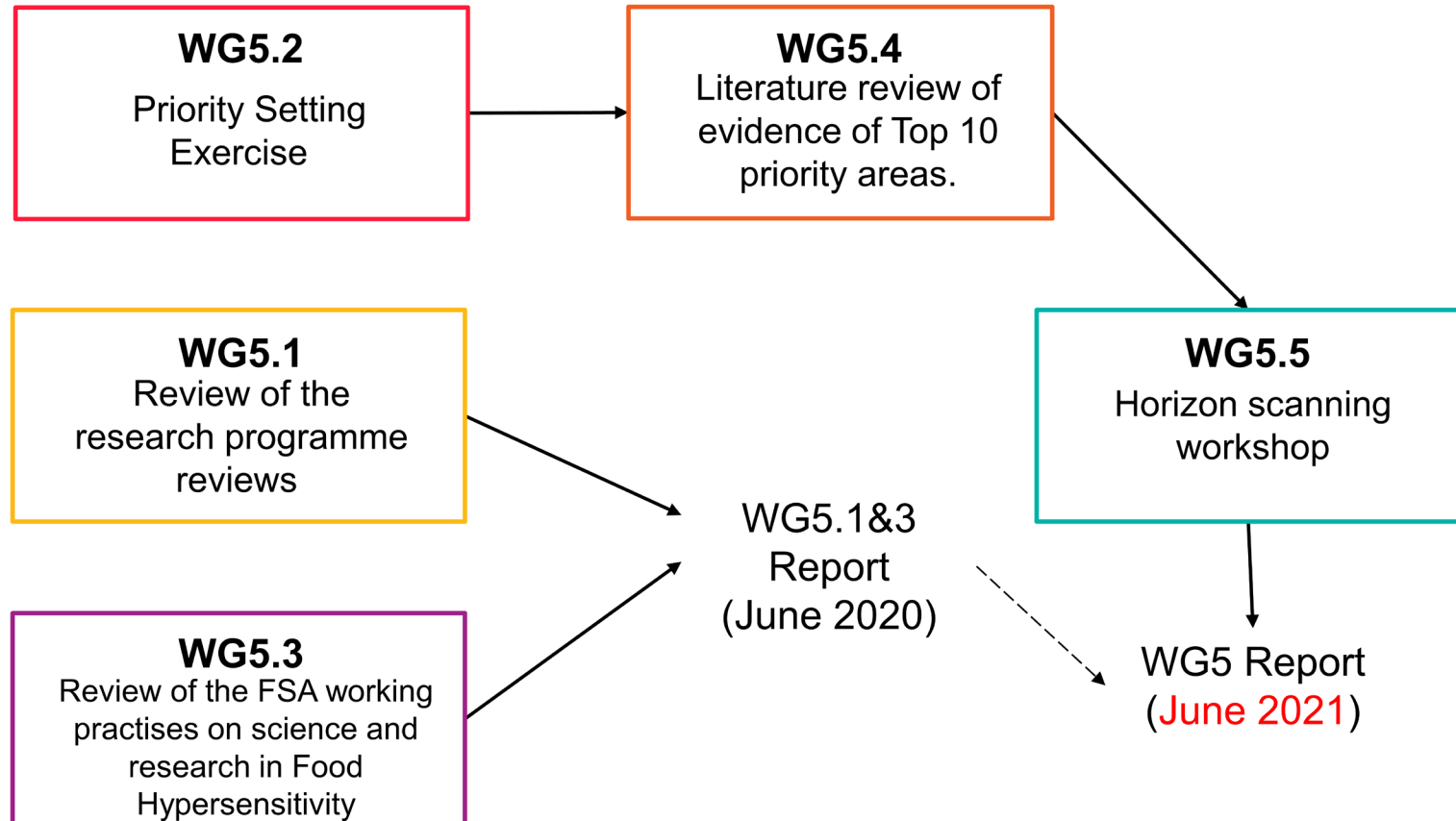
Objective of Working Group 5

1. Provide oversight and assurance of an internal FSA review into the previous and existing FSA research programme for food hypersensitivity.
2. Undertake a research prioritisation and with a literature review on existing evidence.
3. A pilot to evaluate best practice across different areas of FSA research interest, in terms of how science influences policy/decision making.
4. Horizon scanning of the food hypersensitivity environment to inform future FSA research and policy direction

Timeline for Working Group 5

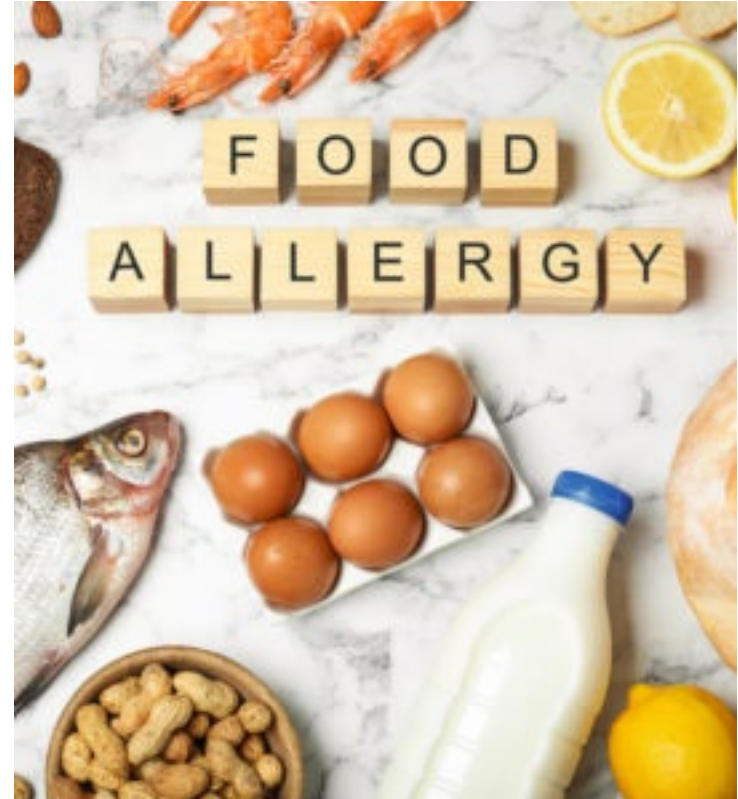
Action	Date Due
Science Council to review interim report of WG5.1/3	24/06/2020
Analysis of WG5.2 to be complete	30/06/2020
Science Council to review FHS case studies	08/07/2020
Working Group 5 Interim Report presented to FSA Board	16/09/2020
Horizon Scanning Workshop	19/10/2020
Facilitator PSE training	31/03/2021
2-day Priority Setting Exercise	31/03/2021
Working Group 5 final paper and recommendations presented to FSA Board	24/06/2021

Working Group 5 Outline



WG5.1/3

- All interviews were completed (21st February and 5th March).
- Desk study has been completed by external contractor (Review of reviews).
- Case Studies have been developed and will be finalised over the next month.
- Review of work has been undertaken via teleconference.
- A report on WG5.1/3 will be presented to the Science Council and FSA Board (September 2020).



WG5.2

- Survey was launched (20th February) and closed in late March.
- Ipsos MORI have been undertaking the data analysis.
- Analysis will be completed June.
- PSE has been postponed until a future date.

The screenshot shows a web-based survey interface. At the top, a teal header bar contains the text "FSA Survey: Improving life for people with Food Hypersensitivity - Saved". Below this, a light green navigation bar has two tabs: "Questions" and "Responses 161". The main content area is titled "FSA Survey: Improving life for people with Food Hypersensitivity". Underneath, a grey bar indicates "Section 1". The "Introduction" section follows, explaining the FSA's role and the survey's purpose. It includes a bulleted list of food allergies and intolerances. The text concludes with the survey's goal to improve food safety for people with hypersensitivities.

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FSA Survey: Improving life for people with Food Hypersensitivity

Section 1

Introduction

The FSA is an independent Government department working to protect public health and consumers' wider interests in food. We make sure that food is safe and what it says it is.

We want the UK to become the best place in the world for people living with food hypersensitivities. Do you have big questions that we could answer through research, to make things better for people with food hypersensitivity? Tell us your thoughts and help us to make a difference.

Why is the Food Standards Agency (FSA) carrying out this survey?

Around 2% of adults and 8% of children in the UK have a food hypersensitivity. This includes:

- food allergies (which involve the immune system, and can cause severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis)
- coeliac disease
- food intolerances (e.g. lactose intolerance) which do not involve the immune system).

We are carrying out this survey to get a better understanding about the key questions and issues the FSA needs to address through research, in order to better provide safe food for people with food hypersensitivities.

What is the purpose of the survey?

WG5.4 & 5

- WG5.4 – Postponed until PSE can be undertaken.
- SSAT and SPT have met to discuss planning of Horizon Scanning workshop (WG5.5).
- Calendar invite sent to all Science Council members and internal FSA Stakeholders (19th October).
- Further planning will be undertaken over the next quarter.



COVID-19 Mitigations

- **WG5.1 and .3** – No changes.
- **WG5.2** – The Priority Setting Exercise has been postponed until the FSA is able to host face to face meetings.
- **WG5.4** –Until the PSE is able to take place, literature review has been postponed.
- **WG5.5** –Horizon scanning workshop is currently set for 19th October to coincide with an international food allergy conference (15-17 October, Manchester), but this date is under review due to COVID19.
- **Overall** – Interim paper to September 2020 FSA board on WG5.1 and WG5.3 is still due to be presented. The final WG5 paper will be presented at June 2021 Board instead of March 2021.