

Working Group

Previous Working Groups

Risk Communications

Years active:2019-2020

About

The Risk Communication working group provided a gap analysis of the Science Council principles, and advice on how best to turn them into a workable framework. They also provided academic support on a review of existing and recent risk communications frameworks for UK Government, understanding their evolution, how they are used, and what are the learning points one might take forward.

Papers

[The Terms of Reference for the ACSS working group on Risk Communication.](#)

[Communicating Risk Literature Review](#)

Food and You

About

Years active: 2018-2019

The working group's procedure included:

1. consultation with FSA staff and external stakeholders on the Agency's portfolio of consumer research, with particular reference to the F&Y survey,
2. an assessment of the alignment of the different strands of consumer research with the Agency's strategic objectives,
3. a review of the F&Y topics and concepts, and
4. lessons from contemporary survey research methodology practice.

Papers

[Terms of Reference](#) for the Food and You working group on the National Archives (non-accessible).

[First Meeting Minutes](#) for the Food and You working group on the National Archives (non-accessible).

[Second Meeting Minutes](#) for the Food and You working group on the National Archives (non-accessible).

[Recommendations](#) Paper for the Food and You working group on the National Archives (non-accessible).

More information can be found on the [Food and You page on the FSA website](#).

EU Exit

About

Years active: 2019-2020

To ensure that we had an effective and resilient regulatory system in place after EU Exit, the FSA aimed to build a robust evidence-base to understand the economic impact of EU Exit on the food and feed industry and understand how these impacts might affect consumers and public health.

The EU Exit Working Group provided expert advice to improve the FSA's understanding of the dynamics and scope of the expected changes. In particular, they identified research gaps that the FSA should fill, advised on methodologies to assess the likely impacts on industry and consumers and suggested approaches how the FSA can mitigate expected risks.

Papers

[Terms of Reference](#) for the EU Exit Working Group on the National Archives (non-accessible).

[EU Exit Working Group Minutes](#) on the National Archives (non-accessible).

Applying Behavioural Science

About

Years active: 2018-2019

In the last two years we have been building internal capability and worked with other government departments and external organisations, including academic institutions, to access relevant expertise and knowledge on how best to apply behavioural science in our engagement with:

- Consumers to ensure food is safe and is what it says it is
- Regulators of food businesses who are responsible for complying with food safety regulation.

This group was set up to review the progress we've made and scope out new work in line with emerging priorities. The purpose of this working group was to help assure best practice and outcomes in the application of behavioural science to the upcoming work of the FSA.

Papers

[Terms of Reference for the Applying Behavioural Science working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

[First Meeting Minutes for the Applying Behavioural Science working group on the National Archives \(non-accessible\).](#)

More Information

For more information please [contact us](#), or visit the [ACSS website on the National Archives \(non-Accessible\)](#).