

The Advisory Committee for Social Science

Kitchen Life Working Group

1. Summary

1.1 This paper provides an update on progress for the Working Group Kitchen Life. It summarises background, key activities and future action. This paper is for information and discussion.

2. Background

2.1 At the ACSS meeting in October 2020, a new working group to steer the Social Science 'Kitchen Life' project was discussed. It was agreed that this project would benefit from a working group model, allowing the working group to feed into various stages of the project.

2.2 This overall objective of the 'Kitchen Life' project is to inform FSA understanding of food hygiene practices in domestic and catering kitchens in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, enabling us to better inform our risk assessment, management and communication and our broader policy. The aim of the study is to identify the key behaviours relating to food safety that occur in domestic and catering conditions; where, when, how often and with whom they occur; influences of those behaviours that would need to change if the behaviours were to change.

3. Members

3.1 The Working Group is comprised of the following members who have volunteered to work on the group so far:

- Professor Susan Michie
- Professor Julie Barnett
- Ms Julie Hill
- Dr Hannah Lambie-Mumford

4. Working Group Aims

4.1 The main objective for the working group is to provide expert advice and peer review on the project throughout, to ensure that the main objectives of the project (detailed in the project specification) are being met.

4.2 Terms of reference are to be decided.

5. Current and Future Activities

5.1 First tasks for the group include defining clear objectives and Terms of Reference. Due to pace of the project the working group reviewed the project specification ahead of this. The specification has been published on Bravo, with a deadline of 30th December, and stakeholders have been requested to share the invitation to tender with their networks.

5.2 The tender evaluation panel will take place on the 6th January. The panel will include working group members (Hannah Lambie-Mumford and Julie Barnett).

5.3 The timeline for the rest of the project is as follows:

January-March 2021	Literature review Scoping work
2021-2022	Primary research and data collection
2022-2023	Development of evidenced hypotheses Reporting, including data on the likelihood of practices and behaviour, and recommendations for behavioural interventions to improve practices and ways they might be piloted.

5.4 Alternative methods of data collection will be discussed by the group in the event that the Covid-19 pandemic disrupts or adds extra pressure to data collection.