

Paper 7.4

Kitchen Life 2 Working Group - Update (June 2021)

Summary

This paper provides an update on progress for the *Kitchen Life 2* Working Group. It summarises background, key activities and future action. This paper is for information and discussion.

1. Background

1.1 At the ACSS meeting in October 2020, a new working group to steer the Social Science 'Kitchen Life 2' 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.

1.2 This overall objective of the 'Kitchen Life 2' 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.

2. Members

2.1 The Working Group is comprised of the following members:

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

3. Working Group Aims

3.1 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. Key activities to date

4.1 Set out the terms of reference and established the group's method of working along side the wider advisory group.

- 4.2 The tender evaluation panel took place on the 6th January 2021 to assess the bids for the project. The panel included working group members Hannah Lambie-Mumford and Julie Barnett.
- 4.3 The literature review for the project was completed on time with the support of the working group and advisory group providing feedback and comments.
- 4.4 Working group members are currently providing comments on the ethical nature of the study, supporting the team in drafting sound consent forms.

5. Future Activities

- 5.1 The timeline for the rest of the project is as follows:

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.

- 5.2 The pilot study will commence at the end of June.
- 5.3 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.