

Discussion of ACSS report

Well received, good discussion. Some specific suggestions:

1. Risk communication work – the committee would like to see the output from this project e.g. toolkit, anything else of interest, plus link to report – and suggest go to Science Council also could go wider e.g. via GoScience networks.
2. Assurance work – general agreement that this is crucial both for ACSS but also across FSA. Need to bring together assurance work being done in different parts of FSA. Guy Poppy suggested that there is an updated piece of work being done by the Science Advisory Committee which might be a vehicle for this. Agreed need to produce templates e.g. for different types of study protocol, writing tenders – this should come out of Assurance work. Adam Cook new post within FSA to work in this area.
3. Channels of communication and implementation of research – ensure that for every bit of work done, we are clear about how it will have an impact within and outside the organisation. Each bit of work should have its own implementation plan from the start. Need to include clear narrative – why was work done, what were results, what difference will it make/has it made.

Other items

1. New FSA Chief Exec – Emily Miles, from DEFRA, background in Whitehall e.g. Home Office, Cabinet Office.
2. Guy Poppy leaving FSA to oversee new strategic funding of diet systems research programme. Search for replacement started.
3. FSA going to be able to share documents with externals on Teams
4. EU Exit – preparations have gone well – involved in both food and health plans
5. Future FSA organisation of scientific work – more strategic programmes and building up assurance of quality of research

Implications for ACSS work

- A. Ensure all our work
1. Is linked to clear FSA policy objective
 2. Is in co-ordination with other relevant committees/parts of FSA
 3. Has clear objectives about added value and impact of the work both within and outside FSA
 4. Has a pathway to impact and implementation plan for both internal and external impact considered at all stages of discussing the work
- B. Distribute Risk Communication report, toolkit and any other potentially useful WG outputs to SAC and other relevant committees and people within FSA