

Regulating Our Future - Food Standards Delivery Review

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Food Standards Delivery Review



- Baseline assessment of food standards delivery sought via local authority survey;
- Findings used to identify current issues, variation in delivery across E/W/NI, examples of innovative delivery
- Other data sources also considered – LAEMS, Audit, CTSI Workforce Survey etc.
- Themes:
 - People
 - Reporting & Oversight
 - Intelligence-Led Working
 - Changing Business Behaviour

People



- Resource levels
- Capacity & resilience
- Effective targeting of resource
- EH/TS split in enforcement
- Training & support
- Future resource – ensuring the flow of officers

Reporting & Oversight



- Different intervention rating schemes used to direct resource
- Fit for purpose?
- Code compliance & alternative approaches
- Lack of audit activity in England

Intelligence Led working



- Registration process – new businesses
- Prioritisation - targeting of resource
- Increased use of intelligence in planning & prioritising food standards work
- Importance of effective flow of information
- Importance of regional groups & Public Analyst Service
- Impact of reduction in inspections/sampling on intelligence gathering

Changing Business Behaviour



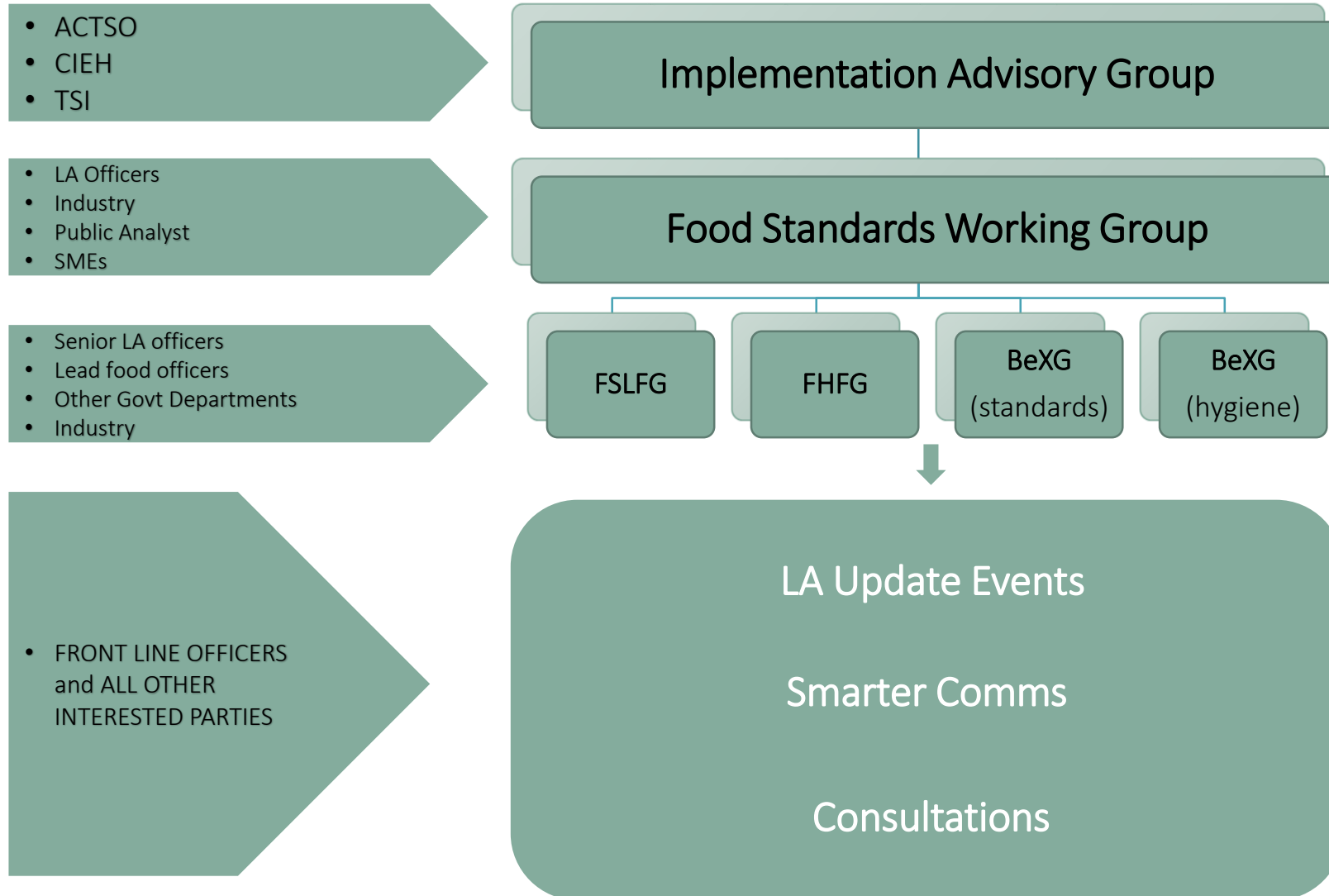
- Variation in advice services offered
- 42% of LAs charge for provision of business advice
- Range of charges
- Other activities:
 - Training courses (business/LA)
 - Assistance with business procedures
 - FHRS revisits
 - W&M calibrations
 - Export certificates

Survey Outcomes



- Survey findings published;
- Considered by FSA Board 5th December 2018;
- Working Group established with representation from LA regulators and industry;
- Development of recommendations and proposals for the future delivery model;
- Incorporation of food standards considerations into other ROF workstreams.

Doing Things Differently



Food Standards Technical Working Group



- Representation from LA regulators, Public Analyst service and industry
- Provides external expertise and analytical rigor
- Input & expertise to policy development process
- Considering primary work packages:
 - Risk Assessment Scheme
 - Performance Measurement
 - Competence
 - Intelligence

Engagement Events



- 8 LA engagement events held across E/W/NI in February/March 2019 – over 190 officers attended
- ROF/Food Standards & NFCU update
- Opportunity for feedback
- Workshops related to primary work packages
- Input & engagement from wider enforcement community vital
- Webinars coming soon.

Next Steps



- Report and Q&A document published following engagement events;
- Primary work packages
 - Describing the new model
 - Options for the risk assessment scheme;
 - Intelligence-led approach;
 - Competency frameworks
- Expressions of interest sought for development & maintenance of Food Standards Training Manual (England);

Timescales

- **Development cycle 1: Jan 2019 - May 2020**
 - Development of Food Standards Training Manual (England)
 - Review of available business advice offer
 - Developing a risk-based approach
 - Competency framework for Official Controls
- **Development cycle 2: Mar 2019 - Aug 2020**
 - Developing & implementing an intelligence-led approach
- **Development cycle 3: Mar 2019 – Jun 2021**
 - Pilots & field testing
 - Consultation on changes to FLCOP

How can you get involved?

We want to continue to listen to the views of those with an interest in food standards and safety and to capture the insights and knowledge that already exists in an open and transparent way.

- Visit our website: <https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/regulating-our-future>
- Continue the discussions by joining the conversation #foodregulation or email directly: FutureDelivery@food.gov.uk