

Food Standards Scotland: Our Strategy

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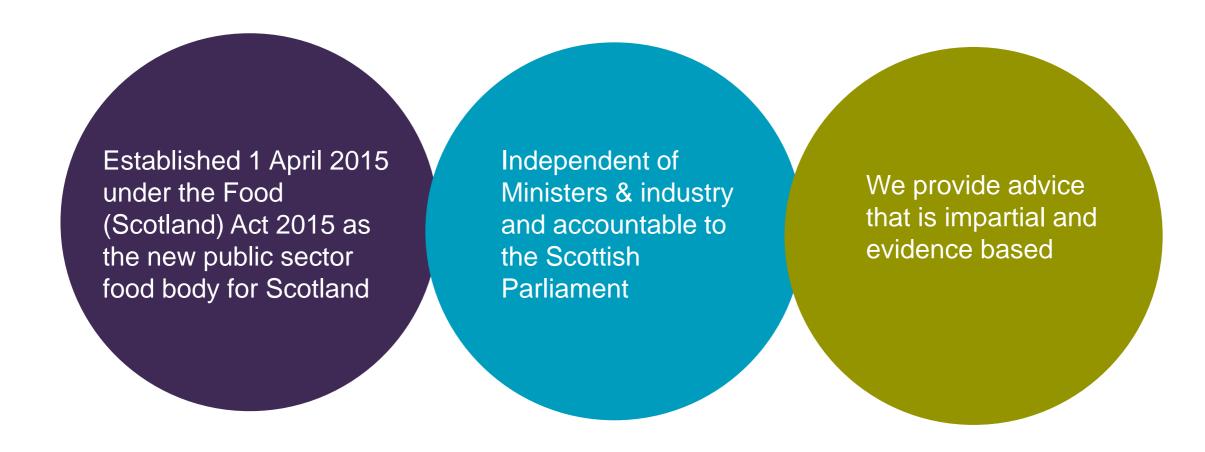
Introduction



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FSS's role in a nutshell





Three objectives under The Food (Scotland) Act



To protect the public from risks to health which may arise in connection with the consumption of food.



To improve the extent to which members of the public have diets which are conducive to good health.



To protect the other interests of consumers in relation to food.



FSS at a glance





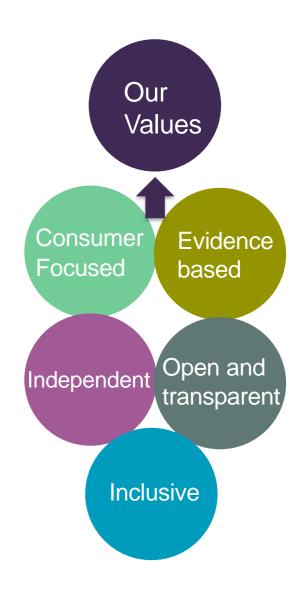
FSS Strategy 2021-2026

Our Vision

A safe, healthy & sustainable food environment that benefits and protects the health & well-being of everyone in Scotland.

Mission Statement

To be Scotland's leading authority on food safety, standards & healthy eating; using data & evidence to provide assurance & advice that inspires consumer confidence and improves public health.





FSS outcomes for 2021-2026



Food is safe & authentic



Consumers have healthier diets



Responsible food businesses are enabled to thrive



Consumers are empowered to make positive choices about food



FSS is trusted and influential



Priority 1: Strengthen our influence over policy aimed at improving **Scotland's diet**



Two out of three people in Scotland are overweight or obese



FSS is the only government body to collect and publish robust national trends in diet and nutrition



Our evidence base ensures FSS is the #1 trusted, authoritative source of advice



Priority 2: Build capacity & capability in Scotland to maintain high standards of regulatory assurance as we adapt to the dynamic political landscape post EU Exit



Maintaining high standards of regulatory assurance



Scottish Food Enforcement Liaison Committee



Portfolio of guidance & training to support professional competency, deliver strategic priorities and training



Priority 3: Strengthening our science communication



20 multi-disciplinary scientists



- Provide scientific advice on food safety & authenticity
- Commission research to understand risks
- Develop guidance for FBOs
 & consumers



To become more data driven and deliver on a digital & data strategy



Working in collaboration











What FSS is doing to support LAs



- Monitor the reinstatement of official control delivery at food establishments across Scotland
- Modernise the Primary Production enforcement regime
- Consideration of long term funding mechanisms for LAs
- Data and Digital Strategy
- Horizon Scanning and Surveillance
- Provide an effective Food Law Business Portal
- Development of an Enforcement Delivery Re–Balance Strategy.



Good Food Nation Bill







Going forward





Thank you

