



Food Standards Scotland: Our Strategy

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Introduction



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FSS's role in a nutshell

Established 1 April 2015
under the Food
(Scotland) Act 2015 as
the new public sector
food body for Scotland

Independent of
Ministers & industry
and accountable to
the Scottish
Parliament

We provide advice
that is impartial and
evidence based

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

Our head office is in Aberdeen



325 total employees



192 head office based
133 field based



31
Official FSS Veterinarians

73
Meat Hygiene Inspectors
+ 6 Trainee



£ 22.6m

Resource budget for 2022-23

Around 24,500 feed businesses regulated by FSS.



In 2020/21 FSS delivered official controls in 97 fully approved meat premises and 3 export hubs



71,536 food businesses in Scotland regulated by 32 LAs.



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.

Our Values

Consumer Focused

Evidence based

Independent

Open and transparent

Inclusive

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

