

Annex C: current and forthcoming evaluation activity

The FSA already engages in a range of evaluation and monitoring activities. This includes commissioned and internally designed and delivered evaluations. Below is a selection of our upcoming and ongoing activities that evaluate or support the evaluation of the FSA's work.

Forthcoming: Evaluation of implementation of Prepacked for Direct Sale (PPDS) Legislation: Mixed method evaluation scheduled for Autumn 2022/ Spring 2023.

Forthcoming: Evaluation of Remote Assessments for FHRS Requested Re-inspections: Qualitative evaluation of use of remote reassessment to be conducted in Autumn/Winter 2022, with findings triangulated with other data sources held by the Agency.

Live: Evaluation of the pilots for the new Food Standards Delivery Model: On-going mixed method quasi-experimental evaluation incorporating surveys, analysis of Management Information System (MIS) data, FSA incident team data and qualitative data from visits with local authorities. The evaluation is scheduled to complete Autumn/Winter 2022.

Live: Evaluation of Achieving Business Compliance (ABC) programme: The Achieving Business Compliance programme will modernise the way food businesses are regulated by the FSA and local authorities, by developing new ways to maintain effective regulatory oversight over a more diverse food system. An on-going mixed method evaluation incorporating quasi-experimental and theoretical approaches is being conducted. Evaluation activities will run in parallel with the ABC programme and are scheduled to be reviewed at the end of financial year 24/25.

Live: Evaluation of Operational Transformation programme (OTP): The Operational Transformation Programme (OTP) seeks to modernise delivery of Official Controls for meat, dairy and wine to increase efficiency and resilience, whilst improving the food safety reputation for the FSA and ensuring consumer confidence in products. A mixed method evaluations incorporating quantitative and qualitative methods are planned and will cover various elements of this workstream. As the workstream is at an early stage, evaluation plans will be refined in parallel with the OTP programme. Evaluation activities will run in parallel with the OTP programme and are scheduled to be reviewed at the end of financial year 24/25.

Ongoing reporting activities:

Annual: Mandatory Local Authority Returns, Collected as part of the Management Information System [Annual]

Annual: The Annual Report and Accounts

Quarterly: The Quarterly Performance and Resource Report

Rolling: Benefits Measurement and Tracking of Realisation

Rolling: Setting and Monitoring of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)