

## Food Hygiene Information Scheme Social Science Research

The Food Hygiene Information Scheme (FHIS) applies to all food outlets that supply food to consumers. The scheme is designed to give straightforward information about how each food outlet fared at its last food hygiene assessment carried out by its local authority. Each food outlet is asked to display a certificate (and/or sticker) on the door or window of their premises, saying whether they have passed their assessment, or whether improvement is required.

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) are reviewing the scheme, exploring what people like and dislike about how the information is shared with consumers, and considering whether any changes are required to maximise use and efficiency of the information scheme. This review is looking specifically at the food hygiene information sharing scheme itself, and how consumers are informed about the assessments, it is not looking at the wider content and delivery of food law inspections. If you require further information about food law enforcement, please contact your [Local Authority](#).

We are collecting this information to inform our internal decision making and this research is considered a task carried out in the public interest. Any data will be collected, stored and used in compliance with [General Data Protection Regulation \(GDPR\)](#) and it will not be passed on to any third parties. The information we collect should not identify you or the food outlet, you can remain fully confidential, and can withdraw your consent to participate at any time.