Food Sampling Wales

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Structure

- Local Authority .. LA Budget
- Region via LA Budgets
- FSA Wales consistent in its support
- FSA National.. But will come through FSA Wales (OPSON)
- National Trading Standards (NTS) intelligence led. – Food not part of this model

At the LA

- LA sampling budgets
- Availability of officers to take FORMAL samples
- Complaints only
- Local Businesses only

- Are we trusting too much that business is getting this right

Regional

- Through local authority budgets
- No money available centrally
- Better bang for your buck
- Local intelligence
- Formal / Informal..
- Who takes the sample
- Co-ordination: results and reports?

FSA Wales

- Some sampling money available
- This year Meat speciation from Wholesalers
- Operation OPSON – Organic Food verification
- Next year to be decided but if LA's / Regions could put them into the plans and set a side a capacity for taking part
- Admin: Co-ordination and invoicing.

Concerns

- Allergens in catering establishments
- Allergen: Product recalls what's causing them
- Meat Speciation / substitution
- Food Supplements
  - Complex / grey imports /retailers – internet
- Novel foods
  - CBD

Allergen sampling

- This is currently our biggest area of concern
- Safe Food / Consumer Information / Choice
- FOI showed
- 169 samples taken in 2016 (10% failure)
- 170 samples taken in 2017 (31 % failure)
- 55 samples taken in 2018 so far (70% failure)
- Better targeting

Allergens 2

- Ingredient or Cross-contamination
- Detectable limits - is it safe?
- Controls by the business. SFBB
- The consumer has a right to Safe food and Food Information
- The business also has the right not to sell.. If the kitchen cannot guarantee food safety

Novel foods

- CBD as a Food Supplement
- NO THC or other Cannabinol allowed
- Analysis:
- Medical claims MHRA
- Health Claims WG in Wales
- Food supplement - illegal sales practices

That's all folks

- Questions