

THE FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND (FSS) & ROYAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SCOTLAND (REHIS) PARTNERSHIP

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Food Standards Scotland and the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland share a common interest in securing a healthier Scotland.

The statutory purposes of Food Standards Scotland are:

- 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; and
- to protect the other interests of consumers in relation to food.

The main objectives of REHIS are, for the benefit of the community, to promote the advancement of Environmental Health by:

- stimulating general interest in and disseminating knowledge concerning Environmental Health;
- promoting education and training in matters relating to Environmental Health; and
- maintaining, by examination or otherwise, high standards of professional practice and conduct on the part of Environmental Health Officers in Scotland.

FSS recognises REHIS as the professional body for environmental health in Scotland and that the environmental health profession plays a key part in protecting public health in relation to food safety and food standards. Together we recognise the need to raise the profile of food related health matters so that it forms an integral part of public regulatory services, community health and community wellbeing. To achieve these aims and to improve food safety and health in Scotland we will work together in close partnership. This agreement builds on a willingness to work together to develop strategic objectives which we believe will deliver FSS food policies whilst providing the best outcomes for the people of Scotland. It is expected that through the signing of this Statement of Intent the partnership can be further strengthened.

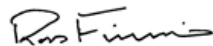
This joint Statement of Intent sets out the high level commitment which we believe is necessary to provide a framework for creating joint strategic objectives for food regulation and food related health matters.

We are committed to:-

1. Developing an effective and coherent partnership between FSS and REHIS.
2. Work together to improve public health, food safety and standards in Scotland.
3. Contributing effectively to current and future initiatives to improve the consistency and coordination of activities between our organisations.
4. Further develop two-way communication between FSS and REHIS.
5. Develop joint strategic objectives to deliver a safer and healthier Scotland in terms of food matters.
6. Review the Statement of Intent on an annual basis.



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