

Work of other Advisory Committees

General Advisory Committee on Science (GACS)

GACS held its 8th, open meeting on 9 November 2011.

The items discussed included:

- Reviews of ACMSF and COT (GACS noted the outcomes and endorsed the proposed responses from FSA)
- Report from the Strategic Evidence Working Group (GACS agreed the proposals from the WG)
- Framework for sharing data and funding with industry and NGO partners (GACS agreed its response to the comments received in the public consultation on the draft framework, including some revisions to the draft)
- Plans for a review by the FSA Chief Scientist of Science Governance in the FSA
- Science in the SACs (standing item), including on this occasion a presentation on the work of ACMSF, from the ACMSF Chair, Professor Sarah O'Brien
- Report from the FSA Chief Scientist on developments and plans relating to the FSA's science (standing item)
- Evaluation in the FSA

GACS also received a presentation from Dr John McClure (NIMR) on perspectives on tracking risks, with reference to the WHO Global Influenza Surveillance and Response System

Items planned for future meetings include:

- Outcomes of the review of GACS and GACS response
- Outcomes of the review of ACNFP
- Review of Science Governance – comments on draft conclusions
- Presentation on the work of SACN (including outcomes from National Diet and Nutrition Survey, NDNS)
- Horizon scanning in the SACs