

## Domestic Kitchen Practices

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### 'What goes on in UK kitchens and why?'

- What constitutes everyday 'kitchen life' in contemporary UK households?
- What relationships exist, and why, between what people do and say and the kitchen space/place?
- What potential pathways exist between practices and food safety within domestic kitchens?
- How can we identify and define the most 'at risk' households in terms of their kitchen practices?
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## Context

'Consumers should have the information and understanding they need to make informed choices about where and what they eat'

Foodborne Disease Strategy 2010-2015

'Food we can trust'

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news-updates/news/2015/14025/fsa-publishes-strategic-plan-for-food-we-can-trust>



## FSA research on in home practices

- Evidence Review: food safety behaviours in the home (Greenstreet Berman, 2011)

<http://www.food.gov.uk/science/research/ssres/foodsafetyss/x04009>

- The 'Food and You' survey (lead TNS BMRB, 2010/12/14)

<http://www.food.gov.uk/science/research-reports/ssresearch/foodandyou>



## Approach

- A qualitative and ethnographic approach
- Range of methods
- Investigate domestic kitchen practices in 20 UK households



## Study design

- 3-4 visits (June – Dec)
- Kitchen tour and mapping exercise, observation, video observation, informal interviews, photography etc.
- Sample of 20 UK households
  - 10 including people aged 60+ years
  - 2 including pregnant women
- Pilot



## Key findings

- Where
- How
- With whom
- Why



## Where

The boundaries of the kitchen



## How

The entanglement of kitchen practices



## With whom

Encounters with others



## Why

Household logics and principles



## Reflections

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## Final thoughts



<http://www.food.gov.uk/science/research/ssres/foodsafetyss/fs244026>

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Thank you

