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Agenda

- Find out the current level of knowledge amongst LAs of RAFB
- Explain what RAFB is
- Demonstration
- Gather questions for Q&A
- Seek interest in adopting the service

FSA's Regulating our Future Programme

Modernising how food businesses are regulated

- Better use of data
- Enhanced Registration
- Introduction of a digital food business registration service for food business operators "Register a Food Business"
- Adoption by all local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

On-line Food Business Registration

What it is

- A new digitally enabled approach to registration of food businesses.
- It will capture more information about a food business and its activities at the time of registration

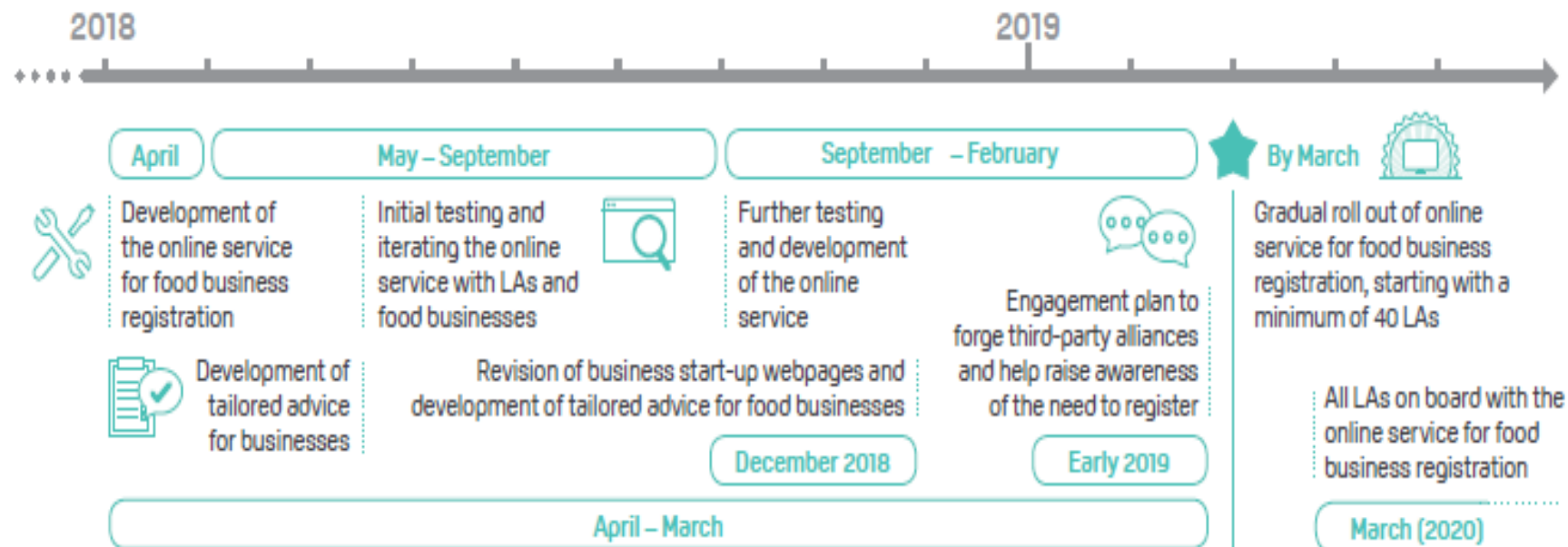
What's Next?

- The service is Live now, businesses have started to use the service to register
- We will scale up the number of LAs in the live trial and our target is to have at least 40 LAs using the service by March 2019
- Development of webpages for new food business guidance
- The benefits of the new service are being captured and the first registration took approximately 6 minutes.





Enhanced Registration Timeline



Benefits for LAs

- **Helping new business understand their responsibilities for producing food that is safe and is what it says it is**
- **Reduced administrative burden**
- **Automatic confirmation of registration for FBO & LA**
- **Food standards colleagues kept informed of new registrations**
- **FSA with oversight of all food businesses in England, Wales and Northern Ireland**



Early adopting local authorities

- Dorset Councils Partnership serving: North Dorset District Council; West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council. [Purbeck District Council]
- Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
- Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
- Shared Regulatory Services for Bridgend, Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan
- Wrexham County Borough Council



Progress to date

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH (24 September 2018)

First registration - a home baking business in Wrexham (25 September 2018) by mobile

220 LIVE REGISTRATIONS (as at end January 2019)

COLLABORATION WITH EARLY ADOPTERS

Smarter Communication discussion group / feedback and future development of service

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & RAISING AWARENESS

EARLY ADOPTER REVIEW MEETING January 2019

Feedback from early adopting LAs

It's more
efficient

Not having to deal
with illegible
handwriting

Initial inspection dates are
now calculated by the MIS,
based on the opening or
trading date given by the
food business operator

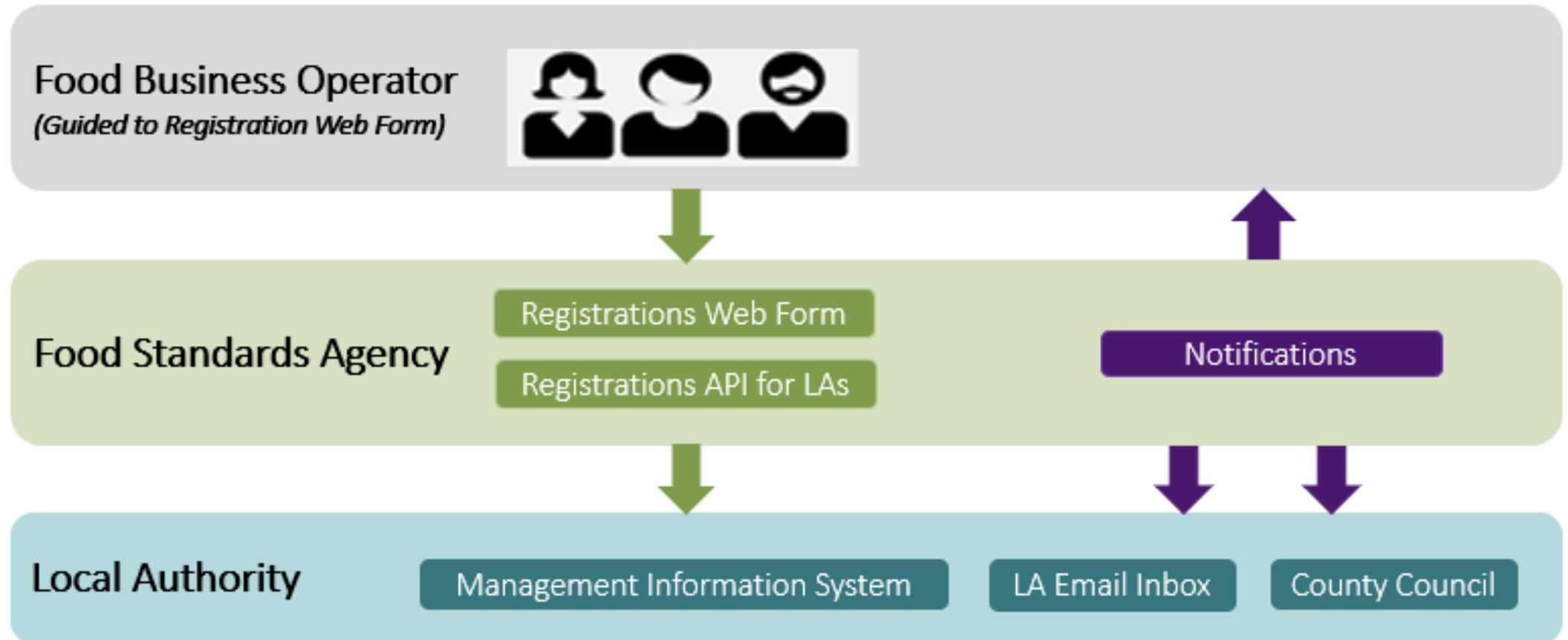
All information received
digitally, less chance of
operator error

More efficient and
effective than other
methods

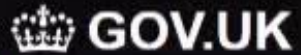
It is a definite time saving and it also takes the
issue of mis spelling names. Overall, I have
been pleased with the way it's gone so far
definitely think that we will continue to use the
system in the long term

Future positive: all the information
we require will be on the online
form, so all the details are auto
populated on the MIS (opening
times, seasonal)

Register a Food Business – How will it work?



Register a Food Business demonstration



Register a food business

BETA

This is a new service - [your feedback](#) will help us improve it

Register a food business

When you start a new food business or take over an existing business, you must register with your local authority. You should do this at least **28 days** before trading or before food operations start.

Your registration will be sent to the correct local authority based on your trading location.

During this registration, you may come across a few specialist terms, which we have described below:

Food business operator

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The operator is the person, charity or company who makes the decisions

How can you get involved?



- Let us know if you want to get involved in connecting to RAFB – 2 stages
 - We want to continue to listen to the views of those with an interest in food standards and safety and to capture the insights and knowledge that already exists in an open and transparent way.
 - Here is link to our monthly newsletter and podcast: <https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/about-the-fsa/regulating-our-future/regulating-our-future-newsletter> where you can also sign up to received regular updates and communication on the RoF programme.
 - Continue the discussions by joining the conversation #foodregulation or email directly: FutureDelivery@food.gov.uk
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Any further questions?

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