1.35,1.72) were more likely, and those who were underweight (0.42; 0.28,0.64) less likely, to share a household with an overweight or obese younger child. No difference was identified in relation to the reference child’s sex (1.03; 0.95,1.12).

Conclusion Our findings suggest that, over a five-year period in a geographically-defined and ethnically-diverse population, there are socio-economic inequalities in BMI. These inequalities are greater in higher income areas than lower income areas, with the highest obesity rates in the most affluent SIMD quintile (SIMD1) relative to SIMD5. Both RII and SII saw a large rise in BMI for both males (eg average BMI was 0.48 (0.23, 0.73) more in SIMD1, most deprived, compared with SIMD5) and females (eg OR of being obese in SIMD1 was 1.45 (0.73 (0.21, 1.25); p=0.006), as was age (0.01 (0.00, 0.02); p=0.00); p=0.049). Borrowing food was positively associated with DD (0.73 (0.21, 1.25); p=0.006), as was age (0.01 (0.00, 0.02); p=0.0063) and higher education (0.44 (0.06, 0.82); p=0.023).

Conclusion Socioeconomic inequalities in BMI have previously thought to have plateaued, however this study shows that inequalities are now increasing.

OP58 AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN SOCIO-DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS, FOOD SOURCES AND DIETARY QUALITY IN SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

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Background Globally, some of the highest rates of obesity and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are found in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Relatedly, there has been a decrease in consumption of local foods and an increasing reliance on imported foods that are generally energy dense and highly processed. This study aimed to apply a novel quantitative toolkit to investigate the relationship between dietary diversity (DD) and food source, food insecurity and NCD risk in two SIDS: Fiji and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VCT).

Methods A dietary toolkit was developed to collect individual-level information on type and frequency of food consumed, food sources, food insecurity and relevant socioeconomic and health data. Regional investigators and partners ensured context-relevant content and implementation. In Fiji and VCT respectively, 95 and 86 households were recruited. All adults and adolescents (15 years and above) living in households, sampled to provide exposure to urban, rural, higher and lower income areas, were surveyed (n individuals=186 SVG; n=147 Fiji). Descriptive statistics and multiple linear regression, with DD as the dependent variable, adjusted for household sampling, were applied to explore associations between sociodemographic factors, food sources and dietary quality.

Results Mean DD score, of a possible score of 10, was 3.7 (SD1.4) in Fiji and 3.8 (SD1.5) in VCT, and this was consistent across sex, age and body mass index. In both settings, more people sourced food by purchasing than any other means (Fiji n=155(83%); VCT n=136(93%)). Regular consumption of own produce and regular food borrowing were associated with greater fruit consumption (difference in median number of servings/week: Fiji 1(95%CI 0,2); VCT 5 (95%CI 1,9) and Fiji 2(0,4); VCT 9(5,13), respectively. Purchasing from a small shop was associated with higher consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages (Fiji 4(1,7); VCT 7 (1,13)). Multivariable analysis results, presented as adjusted regression coefficients (β (95%CI)), indicated that purchasing from a small shop was inversely associated with DD (-0.52 (-0.91, -0.12); p=0.011), as was rural residence (-0.46 (-0.92, 0.00); p=0.049). Borrowing food was positively associated with DD (0.73 (0.21, 1.25); p=0.006), as was age (0.01 (0.00, 0.03); p=0.063) and higher education (0.44 (0.06, 0.82); p=0.023).

Conclusion Our findings suggest barriers and facilitators to diet quality and links with food sources in SIDS that may...
contribute to enhancing understanding of local food consumption and health. The findings indicate important avenues for further research, such as the role that food borrowing may play in ensuring dietary diversity in these regions.

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OP59 STAKEHOLDER NARRATIVES OF ‘PROBLEMS’ AND ‘SOLUTIONS’: ANALYSING THE 2018 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE SUBMISSIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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Background Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is an area of global policy attention. Antibiotic resistance is often characterised as a ‘wicked problem’, because it (i) affects, and requires simultaneous action by, public, private, and third sector stakeholders, (ii) requires local, regional, national, and supranational buy-in (and implementation of strategic change) across low, middle, and high-income countries, and (iii) spans human, animal, and environmental health. The corollary to AMR being described as a wicked problem is that ‘crisis’ narratives have been adopted by public health policymakers and practitioners to marshal resources, attention, and public engagement. This AMR narrative has been co-opted at times, in order to privilege solutions promoted by and involving the private sector; with the co-optation of these solutions comes the risk of sequestering public sector funds to subsidise private sector work – in particular, in the pharmaceutical and medical diagnostics industries.

Methods There were 72 written submissions made to the 2018 ‘Antimicrobial resistance’ House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee. The sectors represented in these submissions were industry, trade associations, non-governmental organisations, professional associations, academia, government, public private partnerships, and homeopathy proponents. We accessed these documents and extracted relevant data according to the theoretically-informed critical discourse analysis (CDA) framework that we developed. Once this was complete, two researchers collaboratively coded the findings. A third researcher randomly coded a sample of the documents in order to determine reliability.

We identified the dominant and biosecurity narratives that were used by the various actors who submitted evidence. We then compared the narratives, framing, and language used by the private sector with public and third sectors, and academia. We subsequently analysed the three main promoted ‘remedies’ to the AMR problem and categorised them within a ‘market paradox’ framework.

Discussion We found that, irrespective of sector, the submissions presented the problem of AMR similarly. The solutions, however, diverged dramatically. The relevant industries use particular discursive strategies to achieve their aims, including the development of market paradoxical positions; on the one hand, asking for subsidies and incentives, but on the other hand explaining that regulation would be detrimental to ‘innovation’. We expand on these paradoxes, and catalogue the tactics used to achieve them discursively, including: obfuscating funding sources, stake inoculation, and lobbying for influence. Learnings from the unhealthy commodities industry allowed us to critically appraise the framing of industries involved in AMR.

Conclusion Overall, our CDA demonstrates that commercial interests deploying the crisis narratives do so in order to lobby heavily for self-serving solutions, namely deregulation and public subsidies. Discursive choices shaped by a technocratic-industry complex are redefining the pathways to success, monitoring, and decision-making in the global AMR arena.

OP60 NATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INTEGRATED DIABETES PROGRAMME IN IRELAND: REALIST EVALUATION

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Background ‘Integrated care’ for chronic conditions is considered central to international health system reform. However, models of integrated care work differently in different circumstances. In Ireland, the National Diabetes Programme aimed to integrate diabetes care across primary, secondary and tertiary settings based on patient complexity through the introduction of new clinical posts and guidance for diabetes care. We conducted a realist evaluation to determine how and why the implementation of the programme worked (or not) across the country.

Methods Through documentary analysis and qualitative interviews (n=19) with a purposive sample of national stakeholders, we developed an initial theory on how the programme was expected to work. We then refined this theory in semi-structured interviews (n=39) with professionals purposively sampled to represent different clinical disciplines involved in implementation. We applied a realist logic of analysis and synthesis to iteratively build CMO configurations.

Results National stakeholders assumed that: 1) introducing guidance would formalise and standardise how care was provided, 2) that professionals would ‘buy in’ and align their work with new ways of working, and 3) that the new clinical posts would become catalysts for service changes at local level. At a national level, important contexts included varying levels of awareness about the programme, no plan for communicating service changes, and no established approach to implementation or professional oversight. Locally, experience delivering diabetes care, resource demands and familiarity with the intended purpose of the new clinical posts were important contextual factors. The extent to which integrated care was adopted and implemented depended on judgements made by health professionals (GPs, nurses, specialists and podiatrists) working in these contexts, specifically; judging the relative advantage of the programme and whether to engage in negotiations to legitimise their roles in diabetes care.