

The chef shortage: A solvable crisis?

What is the extent of the chef shortage?

Projections suggest that we need an

additional 11,000 chefs

over the next five years



of these jobs will be

roles and

4,290 production chef roles



Approximately

* of chefs



the profession, are which means that the sector chefs a loses nearly year and churns the remaining

(*based on the interviews for this research)

There were 28,390 chef students in 2015/16. This is nearly as many chef students as are needed to meet the current projections of needed by 2022.



So why is there a chef shortage?



Increased demand for chefs



Too few chef apprentices entering the sector



The changing nature of chef roles



Too few full-time chef students entering and staying in the sector





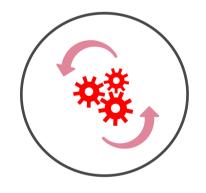
The changing nature of chef turnover and chefs leaving the profession

What's the impact of the shortage?



Impact on **business** strategy





Re-engineering and de-skilling operations

Vicious circle of longer hours



Chefs being over-promoted





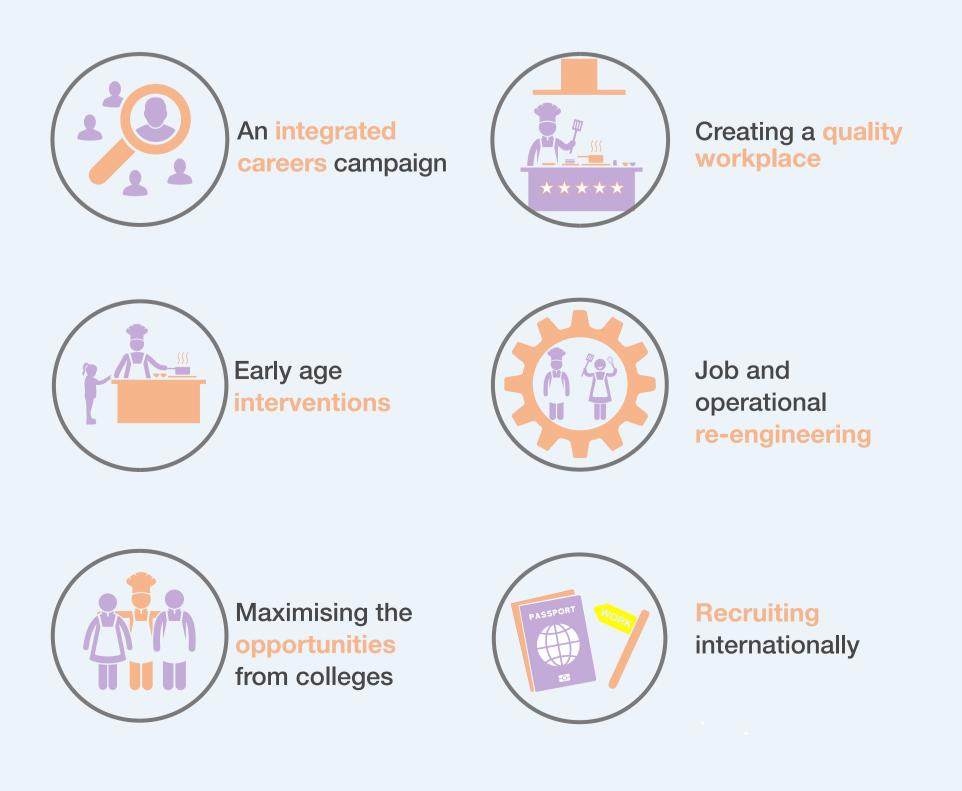
Reliance on agency workers and the attraction of becoming a temporary agency chef



Reliance on migrant workers

Wage inflation

What needs to be done to address the shortage?



The way forward requires a joined-up approach with action at a business level, across the sector as a whole and by government. It also demands a holistic approach that doesn't just focus on a careers campaign, but also on why we continue to lose talented chefs.

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