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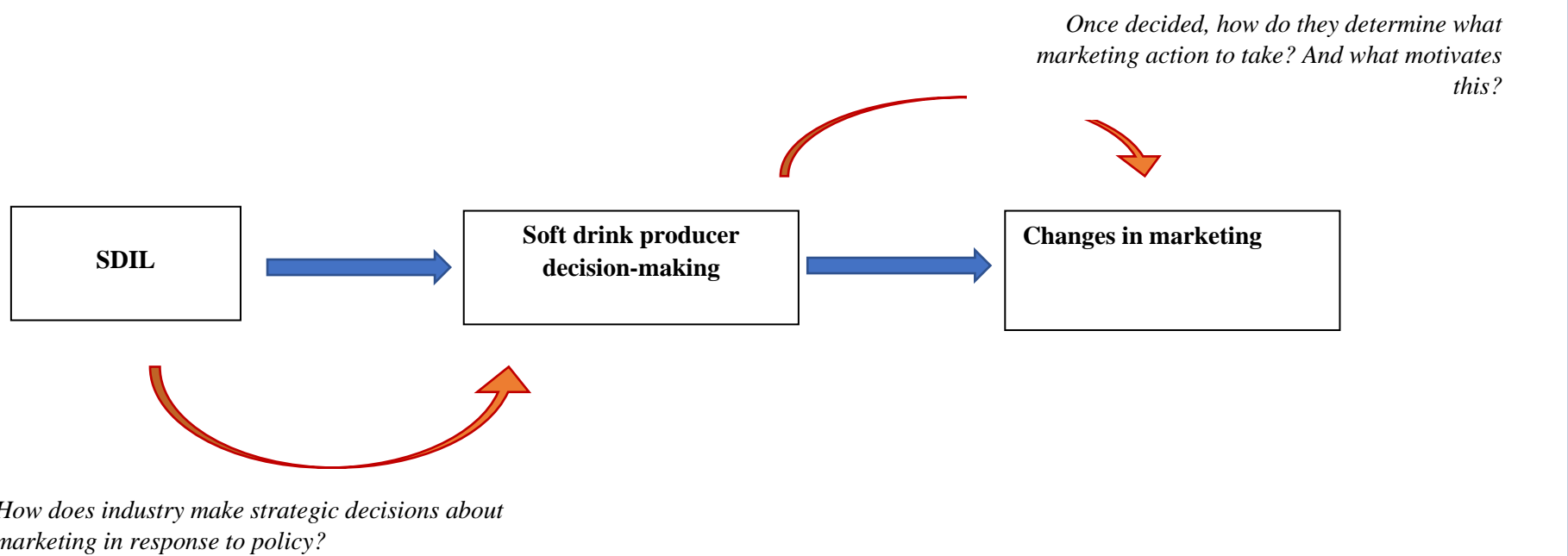
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Supplementary file 1. Pre-interview Material



Framework narrative

The introduction of the UK Soft Drinks Industry Levy (SDIL) is intended to help curb the heavy consumption of sugar in the UK that currently contributes towards a number of non-communicable diseases. However, the effect it has on the purchasing and consumption of soft drinks will depend on how various stakeholders choose to react. It is expected that one of the many responses to the SDIL will involve soft drinks producers changing the marketing of their products, but it is unclear from existing research exactly how and why these changes will manifest.

This framework summarises some of the possible stages of how and why soft drink companies may change the marketing of their products in response to the SDIL. We anticipate the decision-making process and determining specific marketing actions will be a complex process involving many factors. Broadly we are expecting that industry makes decisions about policies, like the SDIL, that might affect their profits and reputation; and then they determine exactly what action to take in relation to marketing. To help us understand how this might work, we would like to collect any insights you would be willing to share relating to any aspect of this framework.