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Dr Arvind Veiraiyah

Current Interests

Personal interests

Direct employment.	National Poisons Information Service (current employer since 2010).
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	None.
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	None.

Other personal interests. Co-author on article on glycerol poisoning. Involved in National responses to sodium nitrite/nitrate poisoning.

Non-personal interests

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Historic Interests

Personal interests

Direct employment. None.

Consultancies and other fee-paid work. None.

Shareholdings. None.

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups. None.

Other personal interests. None.

Non-personal interests

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Christel Wake

Current Interests

Personal interests

None.

Direct employment.

	Member of the Advisory Committee on Animal Feedingstuffs (ACAF) March 2024 – current
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	Member of the Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT) May 2025 – current
	Co-opted member to the Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP) December 2025 – current
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	None.
Other personal interests.	None.

Non-personal interests

Fellowships.	None.
Indirect support.	None.
Trusteeships.	None.
Land and property.	None.
Other public appointments.	None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Historic Interests

Personal interests

Direct employment.	Employed at Corteva Agriscience May 2021 – 05/09/2025 Employed at Chemtura Europe Ltd. / Arysta LifeScience / UPL (during various company takeovers) September 2011 – May 2021 Employed at CRD (formerly known as PSD) February 2004 – September 2011 Employed at CSL (now known as FERA) September 2001 – February 2004
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	None.
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	CropLife PAEG and RPT member 2016 – May 2021 CLE residue definition subgroup member August 2022 – August 2025 Member of the OECD Residue Definition Writing Group February 2023 – August 2025
Other personal interests.	None.

Non-personal interests

Fellowships.	None.
Indirect support.	None.
Trusteeships.	None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. Member of the Royal Society of Chemistry: 2008 - 2020

Dr Simon Wilkinson

Current

Personal Interests

Direct employment. Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology in the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sports Sciences at Newcastle University since November 2018.

Consultancies and other fee-paid work. None.

Shareholdings. None.

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups. None.

Other personal interests. None.

Non Personal

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Historic interests

Personal Interests

Direct employment. None.

Consultancies and other fee-paid work. L'Oreal Research and Development, Paris. 2011-2015

Shareholdings. None.

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups. None.

Other personal interests. None.

Non Personal

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Professor Philippe B Wilson

Current

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor: Innovation and Knowledge Exchange, York St John University, Chief Scientific Officer and Executive Director, Willows Health, NHS Leicestershire & Rutland.
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	Consultant for HH Enterprise Group Ltd.
Shareholdings.	None.

	President, Comparative Medicine Council of the Royal Society of Medicine,
	Chairman, Royal Society of Biology East Midlands Branch,
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	Member of the UK Genetics of Livestock and Equines Expert Advisory Committee, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,
	Member of the Horizon Scanning Panel, Science Council, Food Standards Agency.
	Editorial Board Member, European Commission ERFP Genetic Resources and Informatics Journal,
Other personal interests.	Advisor to US Government, Office for Homeland Security (SARS-CoV-2 Molecular Diagnostics), Policy Expert for the European Regional Focal Point within the European Commission.

Non Personal

	Fellowship, Royal Society of Medicine (FRSM),
Fellowships.	Fellowship, Higher Education Academy (FHEA), Fellowship, Linnean Society of London (FLS).
Indirect support.	Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator (Co-I) on various grants funded by UK Research and Innovation, Innovate UK, the Medical Research Council, and industry partners (e.g., Roche Diagnostics, Ingenion Medical Ltd., AstraZeneca, TDG Systems, Airshield Ltd.
Trusteeships.	None.

Land and property.	None.
Other public appointments.	<p>Member of the UKRI BBSRC Peer Review College,</p> <p>Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Chemistry, University of Bath,</p> <p>Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Engineering, University of Nottingham.</p>
Other non-personal interests.	Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Investigator (Co-I) on research projects funded by organisations with interests in industry and food safety.

Historic interests

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	<p>Professor of One Health, Director of the NHS Doctoral Training Academy, De Montfort University (2020-2024),</p> <p>Associate Professor/Reader in Biochemistry and Cheminformatics, De Montfort University (2019-2020),</p>
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	<p>Chief Scientific Officer, Hilltop Leaf Ltd. 2022-2024.</p> <p>Chief Scientific Officer, Crown Laboratories Ltd.</p>
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	Former Head of Conservation, Rare Breeds Survival Trust (2020-2021),

Other personal interests.	Named author on publications related to food safety, metabolomics, and toxicology,
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Non Personal

Fellowships.	None.
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Indirect support.	Past research funding received from industry and government agencies, including EPSRC, MRC, UKRI, and private sector grants.
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Trusteeships.	None.
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Land and property.	None.
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Other public appointments.	Former Chief Scientific Officer, Crown Laboratories Ltd. Former committee member for various governmental and academic advisory boards.
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Other non-personal interests.	Participation in research consortia and industry collaborations related to food safety, toxicology, and biotechnology.
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Professor Matthew Wright BSc PhD

Current

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	Retired.
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	HSE (Expert Committee on Pesticides), member,
Consultancies and other fee-paid work. EFSA (FAF Panel WG member),	Elsevier (Chief Editor, Food and Chemical Toxicology).
Shareholdings.	None.

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups. BTS (retired member).

Other personal interests. None.

Non Personal

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.

Historic interests

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	Newcastle University (until Aug 2024).
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	EFSA (FAF Panel member), Elsevier (Associate Editor, Toxicology).
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	None.
Other personal interests.	None.

Non Personal

Fellowships.	None.
Indirect support.	None.
Trusteeships.	None.
Land and property.	None.
Other public appointments.	None.
Other non-personal interests.	None.

Dr Alison Yeates

Current

Personal Interests

Direct employment.	Ulster University, Coleraine, UK (2010 – present).
Consultancies and other fee-paid work.	None.
Shareholdings.	None.
Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups.	Member of the Nutrition Society, since 2005 Fellow of the Higher Education Authority (FHEA), since 2015
Other personal interests.	None.

Non Personal

Fellowships. FHEA.

Research group received £60,048 from the Waterloo Foundation towards the project '*Evaluating the impact of a nutrition education intervention on children's fish consumption*'.

Collaborating researcher on the project '*Fish, omega-3 supplements and the prevention of cardiovascular disease-start young and live long*', which received £102,714 from the Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke (NICHS)

Indirect support. Collaborating researcher on the project '*Leveraging investments in the Seychelles Child Development Study to enable novel investigations of long-term MeHg exposure, toxicity mechanisms, and health across the life course: renewal*' from the National Institute of Health which received £157,739

Collaborating researcher on the project '*Building REsilience against Mental Illness during ENDocrine-sensitive life stages*', which received £127,989 from Innovate UK/Horizon Europe

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. Associate Editor, Nutrition Journal (2025 – 2026)

Other non-personal interests. None.

Historic interests

Personal Interests

Direct employment. None.

Consultancies and other fee-paid work. None.

Shareholdings. None.

Clubs, other organisations and advocacy groups. None.

Other personal interests. I was a breastfeeding peer support volunteer for the Northern Health and Social Care Trust from 2017 to 2025

Non Personal

Fellowships. None.

Indirect support. None.

Trusteeships. None.

Land and property. None.

Other public appointments. None.

Other non-personal interests. None.