

# Members of the COT

## Full Members

### Dr David Lovell

[Dr Lovell](#) is a Reader in Medical Statistics at St George's Medical School, University of London.

His appointment term ending in March 2025 has been extended by 1 year ending on 31st March 2026.

### Dr Cheryl Scudamore

[Dr Scudamore](#) is a RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Pathology (laboratory animals) working as independent consultant in experimental and toxicological pathology.

Her appointment term ending in March 2025 has been extended by 1 year ending on 31st March 2026.

### Professor Gary Hutchison

[Professor Hutchison](#) is Dean of Applied Sciences and Professor of Toxicology at Edinburgh Napier University.

His appointment term ending in March 2025 has been extended by 1 year ending on 31st March 2026.

### Professor Mireille B. Toledano

[Prof Toledano](#) is the Marit Mohn Chair in Perinatal & Paediatric Environmental Epidemiology Imperial College London.

Her appointment expires in March 2027.

## **Professor Philippe B Wilson**

[Professor Wilson](#) is Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor for Innovation and Knowledge Exchange and Professor of One Health at York St John University.

## **Emerita Professor Shirley Price**

[Professor Price](#) is currently Emerita Professor of Toxicology at the University of Surrey having held several senior posts at the University and is Visiting Professor of Toxicology at the University of Hertfordshire.

Professor Price was appointed as Deputy Chair of the Committee in June of 2024. Her appointment expires in March 2027.

## **Dr Simon Wilkinson**

[Dr Wilkinson](#) has been a Senior Lecturer in Pharmacology in the School of Biomedical, Nutritional and Sports Sciences at Newcastle University since November 2018, where he is Chair of the Pharmacology Curriculum at Newcastle as well as module leader on the Pharmacology degree program.

His appointment expires in March 2027.

## **Professor Þórhallur Ingi Halldórsson - HI**

[Professor Thorhallur I. Halldorsson](#) is a professor at the Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Iceland.

His appointment expires in April 2027.

## **Professor Peter Barlow**

[Peter Barlow](#) is Chair of Immunology & Infection, and Head of the Centre for Biomedicine & Global Health within the School of Applied Sciences at Edinburgh Napier University.

His appointment expires in May 2026.

## **Dr Steve Enoch**

[Dr Steve Enoch](#) is a Reader in Computational Toxicology at Liverpool John Moores University.

His appointment expires in May 2026.

## **Dr Alison Yeates**

[Dr Yeates](#) is a Lecturer in Biomedical Science within the School of Biomedical Sciences at Ulster University.

Her appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Dr Meera Cush**

[Dr Meera Cush](#) is a qualified and experienced toxicologist who holds EUROTOX and UK Registered Toxicologist accreditation together with a Chartered Biologist status.

Her appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Mr Gordon Burton**

[Mr Gordon Burton](#) was appointed to the Committee as a Public Interest Representative (Lay Member) and runs a consultancy offering strategic advice, facilitation and independent reviews in high performance sporting contexts and innovation start-ups.

His appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Dr Andreas Kolb**

[Dr Andreas Kolb](#) is a Senior Research Fellow at the Rowett Institute, University of Aberdeen.

His appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Mr Nick Richardson**

[Mr Nick Richardson](#) was appointed to the Committee as a Public Interest Representative (Lay Member) Since moving to work at Defence Science and

Technology Laboratory (Dstl) in 2020 he has been responsible for providing assurance activities linked to the Science and Technology capabilities that reside within Dstl.

His appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Dr Chris Morris**

[Dr Morris](#) is Senior Lecturer at Newcastle University where he has an interest in the role of specific toxins and their effects on the nervous system.

Their appointment expires in February 2027.

## **Dr Michelle Bellingham**

[Dr Michelle Bellingham](#) is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Biodiversity, One Health and Veterinary Medicine at the University of Glasgow and a recognised expert in reproductive toxicology.

Their appointment expires in March 2028.

## **Professor Martin Clift**

[Martin Clift](#) (PhD) is a Professor of Particle and Fibre Toxicology at Swansea University Medical School.

Their appointment expires in March 2028.

## **Dr Bryony Ross**

[Dr Bryony Ross](#) is a European and UK Registered Toxicologist, currently working as Principal Toxicologist & Team Leader for Human Safety within the Blue Frog Scientific Group of Companies.

Their appointment expires in March 2028.

## **Dr Aravindan Veiraiah**

[Dr Aravindan Veiraiah](#) is the Director of the National Poisons Information Service Edinburgh, and a Consultant in Acute Medicine and Toxicology at the Royal

Infirmery of Edinburgh.

Their appointment expires in March 2028.

## **Professor Qasim Chaudhry**

[Prof Chaudhry](#) is a visiting Professor at the University of Chester. His academic background is in chemistry and biochemical toxicology, with expertise in leading research into health and environmental safety of food and non-food consumer products.

## **Associate Members**

The role of an Associate Member of a Science Advisory Committee (SAC) was created to allow early or mid-career researchers to be involved in the work of the FSA by joining a SAC when they may not sufficiently experienced or have the capacity to join as a full member. The role is a learning and development opportunity that will gain the associate member significant SAC experience and the benefit of networking across the FSA and with other SAC members.

## **Dr Tarek Abdelghany**

[Dr Abdelghany](#) is a Lecturer/Researcher of Pharmacology and Toxicology, having more than ten years of teaching and research experience across different Universities in the UK and Egypt.

Their appointment expires in March 2027.

[Dr Antonio Peña-Fernández](#) is a Lecturer in Forensic Toxicology and Legal Medicine at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Alcalá (Spain), and an Honorary Associate Professor in Toxicology and Medical Sciences at De Montfort University (Leicester, United Kingdom).

Their appointment expires in March 2027.

## **Co-opted Members**

## **Dr Caroline Harris**

[Dr Caroline Harris](#) is a Corporate vice president, Principal scientist and the Co-Director of the Centre for Chemical Regulation and Food Safety at Exponent International Ltd. And is a Co-opted Member to the Joint SACN/COT working group on plant-based drinks. Dr Harris was co-opted after her term on the committee expired on the 1st of March 2022.

## **Dr Phil Botham**

[Dr Botham](#) was co-opted to the committee's PFAS Subgroup after his term on the committee expired on the 31st March 2024. He is a Principal Science Advisor (part time), also acts as an independent consultant (part time).

## **Professor Matthew Wright BSc PhD**

[Prof Wright](#) was co-opted to the committee's PFAS Subgroup after his term on the committee expired on the 31st March 2024. He is a Professor of Toxicology, Institute of Cellular Medicine, Newcastle University.

## **Professor Gunter Kuhnle**

[Professor Kuhnle](#) is a Co-opted Member to the Committee's PFAS Subgroup and Joint SACN/COT Working Group on plant-based drinks. Prof Kuhnle was Co-opted after his term on the committee expired on 31st March 2025. Professor Kuhnle is an Associate Professor in Nutrition and Health at the University of Reading.

## **Professor James Coulson BSc MBBCh Dip Med Tox Dip Therapeutics MD MRCP ERT**

[Professor Coulson](#) is a Co-opted Member to the Committee's PFAS Subgroup. Prof Coulson was Co-opted after his term on the committee expired on 31st March 2025. Professor Coulson is a Clinical Senior Lecturer at Cardiff University.

## **Professor Alan Boobis OBE PhD CBiol FSB FBTS**

[Prof Alan Boobis](#) is a Co-opted Member to the Committee's Joint SACN/COT Working Group on plant-based drinks. Prof Boobis was co-opted after his appointment as Chair of the COT expired on 31st March 2025. OBE PhD CBiol FSB FBTS Emeritus Professor of Toxicology in the Faculty of Medicine at Imperial

College London.

## **Christel Wake**

[Christel Wake](#) was co-opted to the committee to provide support on dietary exposure assessments. Christel is a Member of the [Advisory Committee on animal feedingstuffs](#). She is currently a global residue scientist in the agrochemical industry where she specialises in residues in food and dietary risk assessment.

## **Liaison Member**

## **Mrs Jacqueline Healing**

[Mrs Jacqueline Healing](#) is a member of the Food Standards Agency [Science Council | Science Council \(food.gov.uk\)](#) acting as a Science Council liaison to the Committee on Toxicity.

## **Professor Tom Oliver**

[Professor Tom Oliver](#) is a member of the Food Standards Agency [Science Council | Science Council \(food.gov.uk\)](#) acting as a Science Council liaison to the Committee on Toxicity.