

General

# 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 extension until March 2026, has been further extended for 1 year ending in March 2027.

### 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 extension until March 2026, has been further extended for 1 year ending in March 2027.

### Professor Gary Hutchison

[Professor Hutchison](#) is Professor of Toxicology and Assistant Principal at Edinburgh Napier University.

His appointment extension until March 2026, has been further extended for 1 year ending in March 2027.

### 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.

His appointment term until March 2026, has been further extended for 1 year ending in March 2027.

## **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 Dean of Research and Innovation at Edinburgh Napier University.

His appointment term ending in May 2026 has been extended by 1 year ending in May 2027.

## **Dr Steve Enoch**

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

His appointment term ending in May 2026 has been extended by 1 year ending in May 2027.

## **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 Infirmary 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 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**

[Professor 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 retired Professor of Toxicology at the 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 (Now closed). 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.

## **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](#). Christel has over 25 years of experience in agriscience, working for both government and industry, and she specialises in residues in food and dietary risk assessment.

## **Liaison Members**

## **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.

## **Professor Susan Fairweather-Tait**

[Professor Susan Fairweather-Tait](#) is a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition (SACN). [Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition \(SAC N\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) acting as a SACN Liaison Member to the Committee on Toxicity.