

# Ciaran McCartan - Member of the Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee

Outlines the professional history and qualifications of the members of the Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee.

Ciaran grew up on a small beef and pig farm in Co Armagh, which he ran with his father for over 30 years. After finishing school, he went to study at the University of Ulster, attaining a HND in Applied Microbiology and then BSc (Hons) in Applied Biochemical Sciences. He followed this up with Pg Diploma in Business Management at University College Dublin.

Ciaran worked across various food and pharmaceutical (human and veterinary) companies for eleven years before he joined Invest NI's R&D team and worked as an Innovation Adviser to the Food and Life & Health Sciences sectors in NI for over 16 years.

In 2025 Ciaran took up his current role as Knowledge Transfer Adviser at Innovate UK Business Connect, supporting academics and companies to navigate the Knowledge Transfer Partnership scheme in Northern Ireland.

## Personal Interests

### Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Full time role as Innovate UK Knowledge Transfer Adviser, supporting academia and companies on their Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) journeys across all business sectors in NI.

### Fee Paid Work

- N/A

### Shareholdings

- N/A

### Clubs and other organisations

- Member of O'Connells GAC, Tullysaran

### Other Personal Interests

- N/A

# **Non-personal Interests**

## **Fellowships**

- N/A

## **Indirect Support**

- N/A

## **Trusteeships**

- N/A

## **Land and Property**

- Own and run a small farm in Armagh

## **Other public appointments**

- Governor for Our Lady's Primary School, Tullysaran

## **Other non-personal interests**

- N/A