

Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee (NIFAC) Agenda and Papers February 2026

Agenda and papers for the meeting of the Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee (NIFAC) on Wednesday 4th February 2026.

09:30 – 09:35 – Chair’s Welcome

To include an introduction, apologies, declarations of interest and [minutes from the October 2025 meeting](#)

09:35 – 10:00 – Chair and [Director Updates](#)

10:00 – 10:15 – Overview of the Science and Surveillance Team

The Committee will receive a presentation from Naomi Davidson (Head of Science and Surveillance, Northern Ireland)

10:15 – 10:45 – Nutrition Surveillance Data – How we inform policy development

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10:45 – 11:15 – Mapping research - Availability of fast food outlets and grocery retailers in NI and their distance to secondary schools

The Committee will receive a presentation from Brídín Nally (Nutrition Science Lead, Northern Ireland)

11:15 – 11:45 – Northern Ireland National Reference Laboratories

The Committee will receive a presentation from Valerie McFarlane (Food Safety Science Lead, Northern Ireland)

11:15 – 12:15 – Antimicrobial Resistance – One Health Approach

The Committee will receive a presentation from Bill Snelling (Food Safety Science Lead, Northern Ireland)

12:15 – 12:20 – AOB and Close of open meeting