

Jason Feeney, Chief Executive

Information about the Food Standards Agency's Chief Executive and directors.

Jason joined the then DHSS as an Admin Officer in 1981. He spent his early years in the department working in local offices in Leeds and Bradford in a range of frontline posts. In the 90's he worked in Finance and in the Security Branch of the Benefit Agency managing their £350m change programme. He also enjoyed a two-year secondment to the NHS Executive working on GP remuneration and primary care funding.

In 2002 he was promoted to the Senior Civil Service and spent two years as Head of Future Pensions. He then led the Central Design Authority before being promoted to be the Business Design Director for The Pension Service in 2005. Following the merger of The Pension Service and the Disability and Carers Service he was appointed Strategy Director for the new agency in May 2008 introducing a number of major service transformations. In December 2010, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer and Deputy CEO for the agency. Following departmental restructuring he was appointed DWP Pensions Director in October 2011. In November 2012, he was appointed DWP Benefits Director with responsibility for 22,000 staff delivering all working age benefits worth about £30bn a year to over 10m customers. He was made a CBE in the 2011 New Year Honours List.

He was appointed Chief Executive of the Food Standards Agency in April 2017.

Married to Wendy with two children Lucy and Josh. In his spare time he enjoys fell running for Bingley Harriers, mountaineering and cycling.