

Dr Colin Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer

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

Dr Colin Sullivan joined the FSA in September 2017.

Colin is an optometrist who has more than 20 years' experience in management within the health and social care sector. He has also worked on international health management consultancy in over 30 countries for Department for International Development, the EU and the World Bank.

He joined the Senior Civil Service in 2008 as Operations Director of the Northern Ireland Social Security Agency, before moving on to be the Director for Universal Credit in Northern Ireland in 2011.

In 2013, he was promoted to Director of Strategic Policy & Reform within the Northern Ireland Department of Finance where his duties have included being Senior Responsible Officer for the devolution of Corporation Tax and NI lead for Public Sector Reform. From January to September 2017 he was the lead civil servant in the establishment of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) public inquiry.