

Margaret Gilmore - FSA Board Member

Outlines the professional history of our Board Members and gives details of any business interests they may have in order to ensure transparency.



Margaret Gilmore rejoins the Board of the Food Standards Agency - having served on it from 2008 - 2014, when she Chaired its then Risk Committee and was Deputy Chair of the then Meat Hygiene Service.

She brings lengthy experience as a Public Service non-Executive Director and Regulator with particular expertise in consumer interests, risk management and allergens. In May 2022 she completed her seven-year term on the Board of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, six of them as Deputy Chair. She was a Lead Assistant Commissioner with the Boundary Commission for England responsible for re-drawing parliamentary constituency boundaries in the West Midlands.

For 10 years she worked for the independent security think tank RUSI, most recently as a Senior Associate Fellow specialising in National Security and resilience including risk management. Her long career in television, radio and newspapers includes seven years as Senior Home and Legal Affairs Correspondent for BBC News covering national resilience and risk, terrorism, and Northern Ireland.

She was the BBC's Environment and Agriculture Correspondent when the BSE crisis, climate change, farming and GM crops dominated. She takes a keen interest in allergens and labelling, and has a son with severe nut allergy. She continues to write and lecture on national security and counter terrorism.

Personal Interests

Consultancies and/or direct employment

- Self-Employed Lecturer, Writer, Broadcaster and Analyst specialising in risk, national security and resilience, terrorism, environment and the media. (Occasional honoraria)

Unpaid Roles:

- Media work with pupils in state schools
- Occasional unpaid judge, Royal Television Society News and Current Affairs Awards

Fee-paid work:

- Occasional Honoraria for Lectures and Broadcast Interviews

Shareholdings:

- Shareholder Quicksilver Media

Clubs and other organisations:

- None

Other personal interests:

- None

Fellowships

- None

Indirect support

- None

Trusteeships

- None

Land and property

- None

Other public appointments

- None

Non-personal interests

- Spouse - Managing Director of Quicksilver Media
- Brother-in-Law - driver delivering for online food outlets including Uber Eats and Deliveroo
- Close family member has a nut allergy.