

# Our Board

We are a non-Ministerial government department so we are governed by a Board, rather than directly by Ministers. The Board ensures we fulfil our legal obligations so that all decisions or actions consider scientific advice and the interests of consumers.

Our Board is chaired by Heather Hancock and has between seven and 11 other members. They are responsible for the overall strategic direction of our organisation. Day-to-day management is delegated to officials through the Chief Executive.

The Board is mainly appointed by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. One member is appointed by the Welsh Health Minister, and one by the Northern Ireland Health Minister. Information about how the Board works can be found in the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders documents.

[View Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of the Food Standards Agency as PDF](#) (73.83 KB)

[View Standing Orders for FSA Board Meetings as PDF](#) (81.14 KB)

[View Terms of Reference for FSA Board as PDF](#) (74.17 KB)

## Board meetings

**The next Board meeting will be on 17 June 2020.**

### How to register to attend or view a meeting

You can attend meetings to see the Board's discussions about our policies.

The Board holds its meetings in public and publishes meeting agendas, papers and decisions.

You need to [register to attend or view a Board meeting](#).

As places may be limited, please wait until you receive an official confirmation of your registration before making arrangements to attend.

### Submitting a question

The FSA Board welcomes questions on the discussions held at each of its meetings. We are interested in receiving questions rather than comments and would advise that queries are kept as concise and focused as possible.

Once all Board papers have been published, questions can be submitted by emailing the [Board Secretariat](#). You can submit questions from the Monday morning before a Board meeting until noon on the day before the Board meeting. Questions for the FSA will be read out at the start of the meeting. The Board and Executive will then have the opportunity to address them as part of the relevant discussions. Those who have submitted questions for the FSA will receive a

written reply within 14 working days. The questions and answers will then be published on our website when the Board meeting minutes are agreed.

There is also an opportunity for those attending in person to ask questions, this happens at the end of the Board meeting.

## Meetings

Date	Scheduled meetings	
	Type of meeting	Location
17 June 2020	Board and Business Committee	TBC
16 September 2020	Board and Business Committee	London
2 December 2020	Board and Business Committee	Cardiff
10 March 2021	Board and Business Committee	London
16 June 2021	Board and Business Committee	TBC
15 September 2021	Board and Business Committee	TBC
8 December 2021	Board and Business Committee	London

### Meetings in 2020

11 March 2020  
21 January 2020

[Papers](#)  
[Minutes,](#)

### Meetings in 2019

18 September 2019 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
19 June 2019 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
8 May 2019 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
13 March 2019 [Minutes, papers and video](#)

### Meetings in 2018

5 December 2018 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
17 October 2018 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
19 September 2018 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
20 June 2018 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
14 March 2018 [Minutes, papers and video](#)

### Meetings in 2017

6 December 2017 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
20 September 2017 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
21 June 2017 [Minutes, papers and video](#)  
15 March 2017 [Minutes, papers and video](#)

## Archived Board meetings

Board meetings from [2013-17](#) and [2006-2013](#).

## Board Members

All personal or business interests that may be perceived to influence their judgement should be declared. Such interests include involvement in the agriculture, food and related industries.

- [Heather Hancock](#) - Chair of the FSA Board
- [Colm McKenna](#) - FSA Board Member for Northern Ireland and Chair of Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committee
- [David Brooks](#) - Board Member
- [Mary Quicke](#) - Board Member
- [Margaret Gilmore](#) - Board Member
- [Mark Rolfe](#) - Board Member
- [Dr Ruth Hussey](#) - FSA Board Member for Wales and Chair of the Welsh Food Advisory Committee
- [Stuart Reid](#) - Board Member
- [Timothy Riley](#) - Board Member

## Board attendance

A record of Board Members' attendance at Board, Business Committee and ARAC meetings can be found below.

[View 2018-19 Record of Attendance as PDF](#) (36.39 KB)

[View 2019-20 - Record of Attendance as PDF](#) (32.71 KB)

## Board engagements

A record of engagements undertaken by Board Members can be found below.

[View Summary of board members engagements Jan-March 2020 as PDF](#) (88.87 KB)

[View Summary of Board Members' Engagements June 2019 - September 2019 as PDF](#) (95.64 KB)

[View Board Member Engagements March 2019- June 2019 as PDF](#) (104.85 KB)

## Board expenses

Details of the business expenses of Board Members can be found through the link below.

[Board expenses](#)