

Feed and food official laboratories

Details of feed and food official laboratories (OLs) in Great Britain (GB) and Northern Ireland (NI) that are designated to undertake sample analysis work.

In the UK, official feed and food laboratories are Public and Agricultural Analysts and Food Examiners (microbiology laboratories) that undertake work for local authorities for enforcement purposes. Other designated laboratories undertake official controls in specified areas for monitoring purposes.

All official laboratories must employ suitably qualified staff. Laboratories undertaking enforcement work for local authorities must have a Public or Agricultural Analyst (formally appointed by a local authority) or a qualified Food Examiner.

We are responsible for designating the majority of official laboratories in the UK according to the National Control Plan, as required by Official Feed and Food Control Regulations 2017/625. We do not own or operate any of these laboratories.

Northern Ireland

In Northern Ireland, EU law continues to apply post-EU exit in respect of the majority of food and feed hygiene law, as listed in the Northern Ireland Protocol. This includes Regulation 2017/625 for Official Feed and Food Controls which specifies the requirements for the designation of EU Food and Feed Official Laboratories (OLs).

OLs which NI Competent Authorities use for the analysis of official control food and feed samples must be located in NI or within an EU Member State (MS) or third country that is a Contracting Party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA).

The Public Analysts and Food Examiners designated for NI are appointed under national law, [The Food Safety \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1991](#), therefore there is no change required regarding these designations.

England, Northern Ireland and Wales

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Any questions should be directed to the laboratory itself.

Official Laboratories for GB (enforcement)

Key of analyst types:

- Agricultural Analyst - AA
- Public Analyst – PA
- Food Examiner - FE

[Aberdeen Scientific Services Laboratory](#) (AA PA FE)

Operations and Protective Services

Aberdeen City Council

James Hutton Institute Building

Craigiebuckler

Aberdeen

AB15 8QH

tel: 01224 764720

email: ASSL@aberdeencity.gov.uk

[Edinburgh Scientific Services](#) (AA PA FE)

City of Edinburgh Council

4 Marine Esplanade

Edinburgh

Scotland

EH6 7LU

tel: 0131 555 7980

email: scientific.services@edinburgh.gov.uk

[Glasgow Scientific Services](#) (AA PA FE)

Glasgow City Council

Colston Laboratory

64 Everard Drive, Glasgow

Scotland

G21 1XG

tel: 0141 276 0610

email: GSS@glasgow.gov.uk

[Hampshire Scientific Services](#) (AA PA FE)

Hyde Park Road

Southsea,

Hampshire

England

PO5 4LL

tel: 023 9282 9501

email: hss@hants.gov.uk

[Kent Scientific Services](#) (AA PA)

8 Abbey Wood Road, Kings Hill

West Malling

Kent

England

ME19 6YT

tel: 03000 415100

email: kss@kent.gov.uk

[Lancashire County Scientific Services](#) (AA PA FE)

Pedders Way

Preston Riversway Docklands

Preston

England

PR2 2TX

tel: 01772 721660

email: scientificservices@lancashire.gov.uk

[Minton, Treharne & Davies Ltd \(AA PA\)](#)

Forest Farm Industrial Estate

Longwood Drive

Whitchurch

Cardiff

CF14 7HY

tel: +44 (0)2920 540 000

email: enquiries@minton.group

[Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd \(PASS\) \(AA PA FE\)](#)

i54 Business Park

Valiant Way

Wolverhampton,

England

WV9 5GB

tel: 01902 627241

email: info@publicanalystservices.co.uk

[Tayside Scientific Services \(AA PA FE\)](#)

Dundee City Council

James Lindsay Place, Dundee Technopole

Dundee

Scotland

DD1 5JJ

tel: 01382 307170

mail: scientific.services@dundeecity.gov.uk

UK Health Service Agency (UKHSA)

[Food Water and Environmental Laboratories \(FWE\)](#)

FWEM Network London Laboratory (FE)

61 Colindale Avenue, London

England

NW9 5EQ

tel: 0208 327 6550/6548/6551

email: FWEM@ukhsa.gov.uk

FWEM Laboratory, Porton (FE)

Salisbury

Wiltshire

England

SP4 0JG

tel: 01980 616766

email: FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk

FWEM Laboratory, York (FE)

The Food and Environmental Research Agency (Fera Science)

Sand Hutton

York

England

YO41 1LZ

tel: 01904 468948

email: YorkFWELab@ukhsa.gov.uk

Public Health Wales (PHW)

Microbiology Bangor (FE)
Ysbyty Gwynedd,
Bangor,
Gwynedd
Wales
LL57 2PW
tel: 01248 384718

Microbiology Cardiff (FE)
Llandough Hospital
Penlan Road,
Penarth
Wales
CF64 2XX
tel: 029 20716745

Microbiology Carmarthenshire (FE)
Glangwili General Hospital
Carmarthen
Wales
SA31 2AF
tel: 01267 237271

Official Laboratories for Northern Ireland (enforcement)

Eurofins Analytics (Nantes)
Rue Pierre Adolphe Bobierre
44323 Nantes,
France
tel: +33 2 51 83 21 00
email: AnalyticsFrance@eurofins.com

Eurofins Analytik GmbH
Neuländer Kamp 1
21079 Hamburg
Germany
tel: +49 40 49 294 1770
email: analytik@eurofins.de

Eurofins Laboratoire Coeur De France
Boulevard de Nomazy
03017 Moulins
France
tel: +33 4 70 47 71 00
email: ecdf@eurofins.com

Eurofins Food Testing Ireland Ltd (PA AA)
Unit D13, North City Business Park,
North Road, Finglas, Co. Dublin 11, Ireland
tel: 01902 627200
email: info@publicanalystservices.co.uk

Eurofins GeneScan GmbH,
Engesserstrasse 4
79108 Freiburg
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tel: +49 761 50 38 10 0
email: GeneScan@eurofins.de

Eurofins WEJ Contaminants GmbH
Neuländer Kamp 1
21079 Hamburg
Germany
tel: +49 40 49 29 42222
email: wej-contaminants@eurofins.de

Northern Ireland Public Health Laboratory (FE)
Belfast City Hospital,
Lisburn Road Belfast
Northern Ireland
BT9 7AD
tel: 028 9504 1243
email: DL-BLL-NIPHL@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES) **(for high priority samples only)**
AGES - Institute for Food Safety Vienna,
Department for Molecular Biology and Microbiology
Spargelfeldstr. 191
1220 Vienna Austria
tel: +43 (0)5 0555-32201
www.ages.at

Eurofins GfA Lab Service GmbH,
Neuländer Kamp 1a
21079 Hamburg, Germany
tel: +49 (0)40 492 94-5050
email: dioxins@eurofins.de

Eurofins Steins Laboratory,
DK-6600,
Vejen, Denmark
email: steins@eurofins.dk

Other official laboratories (monitoring)

Other official laboratories for specific areas of work as defined in the UK National Control Plan.

Shellfish

Laboratories testing for marine biotoxins in live bivalve molluscs

England and Wales

[The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science \(CEFAS\)](#)
Weymouth laboratory
Barrack Rd

Weymouth
Dorset
DT4 8UB
tel: 01305 206600

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)

Stormont, Stoney Road
Belfast
BT4 3SD
tel: 028 90 525785
email: info@afbini.gov.uk

(This also applies to Scotland)

Northern Ireland

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)

Stormont, Stoney Road
Belfast
BT4 3SD
tel: 028 90 525785
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Laboratories testing for plankton in shellfish production and relaying areas

England and Wales

[The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science \(CEFAS\)](#)

Pakefield Rd
Lowestoft
Suffolk
NR33 0HT
tel: 01502 562244

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)

Newforge Lane
Belfast
BT9 5PX
tel: 028 90255636
(This also applies to Scotland)

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Scotland

[The Scottish Association of Marine Science \(SAMS\)](#)

SAMS Research Services Ltd
Scottish Marine Institute, Oban

Argyll
PA37 1QA
tel: 01631 559000

Laboratories monitoring chemical contaminants in shellfish

England and Wales

[Food and Environment Research Agency \(FERA\)](#)

Sand Hutton
York
YO41 1LZ
tel: 0300 100 0321

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Laboratories monitoring Escherichia coli in shellfish

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61 Colindale Avenue, London
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NW9 5EQ
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email: FWEM@ukhsa.gov.uk

FWEM Laboratory, Porton
Salisbury
Wiltshire
England
SP4 0JG
tel: 01980 616766
email: FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk

FWEM Laboratory, York
The Food and Environmental Research Agency (Fera Science)
Sand Hutton, York
England

YO41 1LZ
tel: 01904 468948
email: YorkFWELab@ukhsa.gov.uk

Guernsey States Analytical Laboratory
Longue Rue
St. Martin's
Guernsey
GY4 6LD

Wales

Microbiology Bangor
Ysbyty Gwynedd
Bangor,
Gwynedd
Wales
LL57 2PW
tel: 01248 384718

Microbiology Carmarthenshire
Glangwili General Hospital
Carmarthen
Wales
SA31 2AF
tel: 01267 237271

England and Wales

[The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science \(CEFAS\)](#)

Weymouth laboratory
Barrack Rd
Weymouth
Dorset
DT4 8UB
tel: 01305 206600

Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland Public Health Laboratory
Belfast City Hospital,
Lisburn Road
Belfast
Northern Ireland
BT9 7AD
tel: 028 90263588
email: DL-BLL-NIPHL@belfasttrust.hscni.net

Scotland

Cefas Weymouth Laboratory (mainland and Western Isles)
SSQC (Shetland Seafood Quality Control) (Shetland and Orkney only)
Port Arthur, Scalloway
Shetland

ZE1 0UN
tel: 01595 772441

This laboratory may also undertake testing of samples of shellfish at our request for Salmonella spp. (excluding Salmonella Typhi) and Vibrio spp. (restricted to Vibrio parahaemolyticus).

Raw cows' drinking milk

England and Wales

FWEM Laboratory, Porton (FE)
Salisbury
Wiltshire
England
SP4 0JG
tel: 01980 616766
email: FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk

FWEM Laboratory, York (FE)
The Food and Environmental Research Agency (Fera Science)
Sand Hutton,
York
England
YO41 1LZ
tel: 01904 468948
email: YorkFWELab@ukhsa.gov.uk

Laboratories analysing milk and milk products

England, Scotland, and Wales

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)
Newforge Lane
Belfast
BT9 5PX
tel: 028 90255636

Laboratories monitoring feed samples

England, Scotland, and Wales

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)
Stormont, Stoney Road
Belfast
BT4 3SD
tel: 028 90 525785
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Laboratories monitoring Trichinella parasites in farmed animals

England, Scotland, and Wales

[Biobest Laboratories Ltd.](#)
6 Charles Darwin Rise

The Edinburgh Technopole
Milton Bridge
Nr. Penicuik
H26 OPY
tel: 0131 4402628

Laboratories monitoring Trichinella parasites in wild boar

England and Wales

[Animal and Plant Health Agency \(APHA\)](#)

Sand Hutton
York
YO41 1LZ
Tel: 01904 462000

Laboratories monitoring Trichinella parasites in Northern Ireland

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)

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Other specified laboratories testing Trichinella parasites

Trichinella official laboratories are designated by FSA and operate for the sole purpose of trichinella testing in meat using permitted official testing methods, under a derogation from mandatory accreditation requirements in [Retained Official Control Regulations \(OCR\) 2017/625](#) (Article 40).

These laboratories are under the supervision of the UK National Reference Laboratory for Parasites (Trichinella and Echinococcus), designated by the FSA and Food Standards Scotland (FSS).

Trichinella official laboratories in Northern Ireland will also be under the supervision of the NI National Reference Laboratory for Parasites (Trichinella, Echinococcus and Anisakis), when designated by the FSA, to cover NI interests (under requirements in the [Northern Ireland Protocol](#)).

England

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[C&K Meats](#)

Mid Suffolk Business Park
Pot Ash Lane, Eye
Suffolk

IP23 7HE

[Cranswick Country Foods PLC](#)

Staithes Road
Preston, Hull
HU12 8TB

Cranswick Country Foods Ltd.
Brandon Road
Watton,
Norfolk
IP25 6LW

Dalehead Foods
Fulney Lane
Spalding
PE12 6EP

[Karro Food Group Ltd.](#)

Hugden Way
Malton
YO17 6HG

Woodhead Bros Meat Co.
The Abattoir, Junction Street
Whitewalls Industrial Estate
Colne
BB8 8LH

Scotland

Quality Pork Ltd
Brechin
Scotland
DD9 7PL

Northern Ireland

[Karro Food Group Ltd.](#)

70 Molesworth Road
Cookstown
BT80 8PJ

William Grant & Co. Ltd.
16 Coney Road
Londonderry
BT48 8JP

Other specified official laboratories in Northern Ireland

Laboratories analysing milk and milk products

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)

Newforge Lane
Belfast

BT9 5PX
tel: 028 90255636

Laboratories monitoring feed samples

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Laboratories monitoring dioxins and PCBs in food and feed

Eurofins Lab Zeeuws-Vlaanderen (LZV) B.V
Zandbergsestratt 1,
4569 TC Graauw,
The Netherlands
tel: +31 (0) 114 347 853
email: QHSE@eurofins.com

Laboratories monitoring antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

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Newforge Lane
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Laboratories monitoring additives - colours (water soluble artificial colours)

Public Analysts Laboratory
St. Finbarr's Hospital
Douglas Road
Ballinlough
Cork, Republic of Ireland