

Junior Johnson, Director of Operations

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



Junior Johnson joined the FSA in May 2022. He previously worked at the Ministry of Justice as the Deputy Director for Prison Scrutiny, Performance and Engagement division. He was responsible for agreeing performance outcomes across prisons and ensuring transparency across the whole prison and probation system. His team oversaw six independent Arm's-Length Bodies, which aimed to improve accountability, standards and outcomes for offenders through their monitoring and inspection regimes. He was also an Senior Civil Service (SCS) Race Champion and SCS Sponsor of the biggest Ministry of Justice staff network. Prior to this, he was responsible for Prison Workforce and Pay reform and implementing a new employee relations strategy.

Junior has also worked at the Department for Work and Pensions in a variety of roles, for more than 20 years. As the Head of Service Transformation and Capability for Universal Credit Operations, he was responsible for Labour Market Transformation, Building Leadership and Digital Capability, and the development and implementation of a new performance framework.

Junior has a strong track record in operational delivery having been a senior leader in various roles across London and the UK. He also led a team responsible for coordinating the Jobcentre Plus response to the economic downturn following a secondment at Number 10. He has also developed and implemented a series of policies and strategies and led a series of projects and change programmes.

Junior enjoys mentoring and is involved with several charities and organisations that help to improve prospects of young people in his local community.