

# Our people

More than 1,300 people work for us to make sure food is safe and what it says it is, and to ensure we play our part in helping to make food healthier and more sustainable for everyone.

Our staff include statisticians, analysts, researchers, inspectors, enforcement experts, policy professionals, economists, veterinarians and more than 500 frontline staff, who work alongside our operational delivery partners to inspect abattoirs and other primary production sites.

As a [non-ministerial government department](#), we are governed by a [Board](#), rather than ministers. Our Board sets the overall strategic direction of our organisation.

Food is a devolved matter, so the [Welsh](#) and [Northern Ireland Food Advisory Committees](#) provide advice and insight to the Board relating to food safety and standards in their respective countries.

The Board is also guided by independent [Scientific Advisory Committees](#), which draw on the views of more than 100 experts, ensuring that our guidance is always based on the best and most recent science and evidence.



Download our brochure. Learn more about how we have worked to protect your plate over the last 20 years and our vision for the future.