

# Timothy Riley is appointed Food Standards Agency Deputy Chair

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Professor Susan Jebb, Chair of the FSA said:

“I am delighted that Timothy, who has made an outstanding contribution as an FSA Board Member since 2019, will now become Deputy Chair of the Food Standards Agency. Timothy’s experience as a Board member across a range of public and private bodies, combined with his scientific background and knowledge of the food and farming sector, make him exceptionally well qualified to take up this role. I look forward to working closely with him.”



Timothy Riley said:

“I value highly the role and work of the FSA in ensuring that our food is safe and is what it says it is. The FSA’s contribution to Public Health and to consumer confidence is vitally important and so I am really pleased to take up the role of Deputy Chair and to support the FSA going forward.”

Timothy Riley has been a Board Member of the FSA since 2019 and the Chair to its Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) and between 2013 to 2019 was a Member of the FSA Advisory Committee on Animal Feedstuffs.

Timothy has had an academic background in Molecular Immunology and brings experience as a Senior Civil Servant having been Head of NHS Public Health Policy and of Clinical Standards, notably heading the team that established the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence. He also brings operational leadership experience having served as Chief Executive to three NHS Primary Care Trusts from 2001 to 2011.

Alongside his public service roles, Timothy has operated a commercial Beef and Lamb farm in West Yorkshire for over 30 years with a keen interest in sustainable and nature friendly agriculture. He is President to the UK Beef Shorthorn Cattle Society, Board Member and ARAC

Chair to the Defra Veterinary Medicines Directorate and a member of the UK Genetics of Livestock and Equines Committee. In the private sector, he holds two Non-Executive Board positions.

Further details on Timothy's professional background and declaration of interests can be found on the [Food Standards Agency website](#).