

# 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

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tel: 01224 764720

email: [ASSL@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:GSS@glasgow.gov.uk)

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

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Southsea,

Hampshire

England

PO5 4LL

tel: 023 9282 9501

email: [hss@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hss@hants.gov.uk)

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

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West Malling

Kent

England

ME19 6YT

tel: 03000 415100

email: [kss@kent.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@publicanalystservices.co.uk)

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

Dundee City Council

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Scotland

DD1 5JJ

tel: 01382 307170

mail: [scientific.services@dundeecity.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:FWEM@ukhsa.gov.uk)

FWEM Laboratory, Porton (FE)

Salisbury

Wiltshire

England

SP4 0JG

tel: 01980 616766

email: [FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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)  
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21079 Hamburg  
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France  
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Eurofins Food Testing Ireland Ltd (PA AA)  
Unit D13, North City Business Park,  
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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](mailto: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  
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[www.ages.at](http://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](mailto:dioxins@eurofins.de)

## **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](mailto:info@afbini.gov.uk)

(This also applies to Scotland)

**Northern Ireland**

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

Stormont, Stoney Road  
Belfast  
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email: [info@afbini.gov.uk](mailto:info@afbini.gov.uk)

**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)

**Northern Ireland**

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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

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

Stormont, Stoney Road  
Belfast  
BT4 3SD  
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## Laboratories monitoring Escherichia coli in shellfish

### England

FWEM Network London Laboratory  
61 Colindale Avenue, London  
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tel: 0208 327 65500/49  
email: [FWEM@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:FWEM@ukhsa.gov.uk)

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Salisbury  
Wiltshire  
England  
SP4 0JG  
tel: 01980 616766  
email: [FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:FWEPorton@ukhsa.gov.uk)

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

## **Laboratories analysing milk and milk products**

### **England, Scotland, and Wales**

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

## **Laboratories monitoring feed samples**

### **England, Scotland, and Wales**

[Agri-Food and Bioscience Institute \(AFBI\)](#)  
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Belfast  
BT4 3SD  
tel: 028 90 525785  
email: [info@afbini.gov.uk](mailto:info@afbini.gov.uk)

## **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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email: [info@afbini.gov.uk](mailto:info@afbini.gov.uk)

## 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](mailto:QHSE@eurofins.com)

**Laboratories monitoring antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**

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

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