

Register of Interests

The Schedule to The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003 sets out the interests which must be registered by Board Members. The information provided by FSS Board Members is listed below. The Register of Members' Interests is available for inspection at the FSS office by contacting the Openness Manager at Food Standards Scotland, Pilgrim House, Old Ford Road, Aberdeen, AB11 5RL or by email atopenness@fss.scot

Mr Ross Finnie (Chair)

Remuneration

Yes

Non-Executive Board Member of the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Office of the Advocate General

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

Yes - see separate sheet

Non-financial interests

No

Reviewed 25 March 2021

Ms. Marieke Dwarshuis

Remuneration

Yes

Non-Executive Board Member, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Non-Executive Board Member, Scottish Legal Aid Board

Lay Assistant – Judicial Appointments Board Scotland

Self-employed – Marieke Dwarshuis Consultancy

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

Yes – see separate sheet

Non-financial interests No

Reviewed 01 October 2021

Ms Louise Welsh (Deputy Chair)

Remuneration

Yes

Board Member, Quality Meat Scotland

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

Yes – see separate sheet

Non-financial interests

Board Member – Quality Meat Scotland

Board Member – Moredun Foundation

Reviewed 25 March 2021

Mrs Heather Kelman

Remuneration

No

Associate (Healthcare Planner) Buchan + Associates

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

No

Non-financial interests

No

Reviewed 25 March 2021

Dr Carrie Ruxton

Remuneration

Yes

Details: Declarations as Self-employed consultant providing scientific/expert content, training, independent media comment, product development & reformulation advice, opinions on scientific evidence, and research management

Note: Consultancy on a matter not provided for over a year is marked as “not current”

CURRENT – (2020-2021)

- Fruit juice and smoothies (including European Fruit Juice Association, innocent) providing expert and scientific advice, staff training, writing content and contribution to scientific and research activities
- Eggs (including British Egg Industry Consortium) - providing expert media comment and reviewing science
- Tea (including Tea Advisory Panel funded by the UK Tea and Infusions Association) - drafting scientific and press materials, providing expert media comment
- Food supplements (including Health and Food Supplements Information Service funded by the Proprietary Association of Great Britain) – writing content and press materials, providing expert media comment
- Snacks and yogurt (including General Mills) articles for health professional magazines, writing scientific content, expert media comment; report on nuts (Govindji Nutrition)
- Mass media (including BBC Radio Scotland) – independent comment on nutrition related news stories
- Mexican food (including General Mills) – writing literature review, article for health professional magazine
- Plant stanol ester (including Benecol UK) – writing brochure
- Salmon (including Scottish Salmon) writing nutritional report, press quote for website, article for health professional magazine
- Chocolate (including Ferrero UK) – advice on reformulation and portion sizing
- Honey (including Valeo Foods) – advice on nutrition and health claims regulation
- Jungle Cat Solutions Ltd (PR Agency) copywriting on CBD, essential oils and topical treatments for sports injury and dermatitis.
- Oral Nutrition Supplements (Aymes Ltd) – healthcare professional engagement

NOT CURRENT – (2015-2019)

- Food supplements (Pfizer) – staff training; (DSM) – desk research on health claims Sweeteners (including Porter Novelli, British Soft Drinks Association and Associated Newspapers) – providing expert media comment, writing content for resources/articles, scientific presentation at event)
- Eggs (Gallo Suisse) – scientific presentation at event
- Mass media (including Seven Publishing, patient.info, Associated Newspapers, River Group, Netdoctor) – checking nutrition information, and writing content on low carbohydrate diets, drug use, fats, lactose intolerance, eye health, psoriasis, turmeric, krill, kefir, vitamins, figs, seaweed, peas, coconut milk, vitamin D, tea; (BBC) – participation in Food Detectives TV programme
- Alcohol (including Diageo) – conference presentation and media event in Spain on international alcohol recommendations and impact on energy intake
- Gelatine (European trade body) – scientific presentation at event
- Milk – systematic review on milk
- Breakfast cereals (including Association of Cereal Food Manufacturers, Cereal Partners Worldwide) – advice on ingredients, claims and reformulation, writing content for article, expert comment for media, scientific writing
- Infant Milk Formula (including Nannycare) – desk research and advice on regulation and scientific evidence, writing content for website and health professional materials
- Confectionary (Ferrero) – chairing stakeholder event, advice on sugar reduction and ad hoc nutrition; (Nestle) – advice on labelling
- Dairy/potatoes/fruit & vegetables (including Agricultural and Horticultural Development Board) – providing expert media comment on AHDB commodities and advice to staff on nutrition and science
- Meat (including Meat Advisory Panel, Quality Meat Scotland, Meat Promotion Wales) - expert comment for media, writing content for resources, and scientific presentation at events
- Bakery Products (Le Pain Quotidien) – content for press release and providing expert comment for media
- Yoghurt (Danone UK) – advice on research data analysis
- Food and Drink Innovation Network – chaired a conference
- Meat (CLITRAVI Netherlands) – chaired internal committees on meat and cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes and drafted internal toolkits; (International Congress on Meat Science and Technology) – scientific presentation at event; (Irish Meat, Bord Bia) – scientific presentation at events; (Sizzling Pub Chain) – expert comment for media
- Nuts – (American Pistachio Growers) – for scientific writing and chairing a meeting Medical nutrition (Abbott Ltd) – interview in video on hospital malnutrition; (Superdrug) – writing website content on healthy eating for pregnancy, infants, toddlers
- Sugar (European Association of Sugar Manufacturers) – writing content for brochure
- Soft Drinks (PepsiCo) or advice on reformulation; (British Soft Drinks Association) chaired stakeholder meeting; (Belvoir Ltd) –product development advice and expert media comment. • Protein Water (Vieve) - content for company website
- Omega-3 fatty acids and fish oil supplements (Equazen) – writing press materials and scientific presentation at event); (Darcy Jones) – content for website

- Honey (Valeo Foods) – checking advertising script for compliance
- EIT Food Leuven – reviewed research proposals for EU funding
- Marketing Clinic – for desk research and media comment on Knorr flavours
- PR agencies (including Cohn and Wolfe, Ketchum) – reviewed internal pitch materials
- Fruit-based snacks (Fruit Bowl) – expert media comment, desk research, scientific content for health professional magazine
- Frozen food (Iceland) – writing content for brochure
- Kiwi fruit (Zespri) – presentation at stakeholder meeting and scientific content
- Specialist publishing (including Network Health Digest, CW Publishing, Medical Health) – content for nutrition science articles
- Cereal bars (Brodericks Rol) - product development advice
- Hospital Caterers Association – scientific presentation at event
- University of Aberdeen – participating in webinar on health claims

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

Yes - see Gifts and Hospitality Register

Non-financial interests

Yes

Trustee for Strategic Communications, Nutrition Society

Member, British Dietetic Association

Member, Guild of Health Writers Member, Medical Journalists Association

Reviewed 01 October 2021

Dr Susan Walker

Remuneration

Yes

Member, Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (reviews councillor numbers and ward boundaries and makes recommendations to Ministers).

Member, Interim Customer Group (representing customers' interests with Scottish Water

Member, Boundary Commission for Scotland (reviews UK constituencies and make recommendations to Ministers)

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

Yes – see separate sheet

Non-financial interests

Yes

Daughter is employed as a Policy Officer with DEFRA working on animal and plant health

Reviewed 25 March 2021

Dr Carol Evans

Remuneration

Yes

Non-executive Director of Skills Development Scotland

Part-time employee for Bield Housing and Care

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

No

Non-financial interests

Yes

Vice Chair of Cedarbank School Council Board

Reviewed 27 March 2021

Alban Denton

Remuneration

Yes

Non-executive Director Thomas Crawley Group Holdings Ltd (trading as The Suttons Group) – internal logistics and haulage group

Non-executive Director Gael Force Group Holdings Ltd – supplier of technology and equipment to marine farming and water based leisure industries

Related undertakings

No

Contracts

No

Houses, land and buildings

No

Shares and securities

No

Gifts and Hospitality

No

Non-financial interests

No

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