Who’s who

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Sir Donald Acheson Chief Medical Officer, 1983–91
Sir Derek Andrews Permanent Secretary, MAFF, 1987–93
Sir Robert Armstrong Former Head of the Civil Service and Secretary to the Cabinet
Mr Michael Ashley Assistant Secretary, and later Under Secretary, Association of District Councils
Professor Sir William Asscher Chair, Committee on Safety of Medicines, 1987–92
Mr Keith Baker Assistant Chief Veterinary Officer (meat hygiene), 1988–96
Mrs Terri Banks Former DH official
Mr Brian Bridges Under Secretary (Grade 3), Health Aspects of the Environment and Food Safety Division, 1992–95
Mrs Katharine (Jane) Brown Head (Grade 5) of the Meat Hygiene Division, MAFF, since 1990
Professor Sir Kenneth Calman Chief Medical Officer, 1991–98
Mr Charles Capstick Head (Grade 2) of the Food Safety Directorate, MAFF, 1989–94
Mr Richard Carden Head (Grade 2) of the Food Safety Directorate, MAFF, from 1994
Dr Richard Cawthorne Head (Grade 5) of the Veterinary Investigation Service, SVS, Tolworth, 1987–91; Head of Animal Health (Zoonoses) Division, 1991–95; Veterinary Head of Notifiable Diseases Section, 1995 onwards
Mr Kenneth Clarke MP DH Secretary of State, 1988–90
Mr Iain Crawford Director of the Veterinary Field Service, MAFF, 1988–98
Mr Alistair Cruickshank Under Secretary (Grade 3), MAFF, responsible for Animal Health, 1986–89
Baroness Cumberlege DH Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Lords), 1992–97
Mr Roy Cunningham Branch Head, Environmental Health and Food Safety Division, DH, 1991–95
Mr David Curry MP MAFF Parliamentary Secretary (Commons), 1989–92, and Minister of State, 1992–93
Dr William Denner Head (Grade 5) of the Food Science Division II, MAFF, 1989–92, and Chief Scientist (Food) (Grade 3) and Head of the Food Science Group, 1992–95

Mr Brian Dickinson Head (Grade 3) of the Food Safety Group, MAFF, 1989–96

Mr Stephen Dorrell MP DH Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Commons), 1990–92, and Secretary of State, 1995–97

Mr Brian Etheridge Assistant Secretary, Association of District Councils, 1989–95

Dr Christopher Fisher Food Science Division I, MAFF, 1985–95

Mr (now Sir) Michael Forsyth MP Scottish Office Minister of State, 1987–92, and Secretary of State, 1995–97

Sir Michael Franklin Permanent Secretary, MAFF, 1983–87

Mr Roger (now Lord) Freeman MP DH Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, 1988–90

Mr Gordon Gresty Head of Trading Standards and Regulatory Services, North Yorkshire County Council

Mr John Gummer MP MAFF Minister of State (Commons), 1985–88, and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1989–93

Mr Michael Heseltine MP President of the Board of Trade, 1992–95

Mr Peter Hewson Superintending Meat Hygiene Adviser, SVS, 1992–95

Mr Nicholas Hibbett Former Chair, Meat Legislation Review Group, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

Mr Douglas Hogg MP Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1995–97

Mr Geoffrey Hollis Head (Grade 3) of the Livestock Group, MAFF, 1991–96

Mr Stephen Hutchins Senior Veterinary Officer (red meat hygiene), 1987–91

Dr David Jefferys Principal Medical Officer, DH Medicines Division, 1986–90


Ms Bronwen Jones Meat Hygiene Division, MAFF, 1989–92

Mr Alan Lawrence Animal Health Division, MAFF, 1979–95

Mr A J Lebrecht Principal Private Secretary (to Mr John Gummer), MAFF, 1990

Mr Charles Lister Grade 7 responsible for administrative aspects of BSE, DH, 1993–95
Dr Thomas Little
Deputy Director, CVL, 1986–90, and Director/Chief Executive, CVL/VLA, since 1990

Mr Robert Lowson
Head (Grade 5) of the Animal Health Division, MAFF, 1989–91, and of Animal Health (Disease Control) Division until 1993

Mr John MacGregor MP
MAFF Minister of State (Commons), 1983–85, and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1987–89

Mr John Major MP
Chief Secretary to the Treasury, 1987–89; Prime Minister, 1990–97

Mr John Maslin
Grade 7, Animal Health (Disease Control) Division, MAFF, 1988–93, heading a separate BSE branch from 1990

Mr Danny Matthews
Grade 7 Senior Veterinary Officer (later Grade 6) responsible for exotic viral diseases and BSE, 1988–96

Mr Keith Meldrum
Chief Veterinary Officer, 1988–96 and beyond

Mr Thomas Murray
Grade 7, DH, and SEAC secretary, 1990–93

Dr Jeremy Metters
Deputy Chief Scientist, DH, 1986–89, and Deputy Chief Medical Officer from 1989

Mr (now Sir) Richard Packer
Permanent Secretary, MAFF, from 1993 to 2000

Miss Dora Pease
Under Secretary (Grade 3), Health Services Division (later Environment Health and Food Safety Division), DH, 1989–92

Mr David Pepper
Veterinary surgeon, and member of SEAC since 1990

Dr Hilary Pickles
Principal Medical Officer, DH, given the lead on BSE by the CMO in 1988

Sir Derek (now Lord) Rayner
Head of the Government’s Efficiency Unit

Mr John Redwood MP
Secretary of State for Wales, 1993–95

Mr William Rees
Chief Veterinary Officer, 1980–88

Mrs Gillian Shephard MP
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1993–94

Mr Alick Simmons
Senior Veterinary Officer (red meat hygiene), 1991–95

Lord Skelmersdale
DHSS Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Lords), 1987–88, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, 1989–90

Dr Roger Skinner
Principal Medical Officer, DH, from 1989

Sir Joseph Smith
Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service, 1985–92
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<td>Grade 6 Temporary Deputy Veterinary Head of Section (meat hygiene), MAFF, 1993–95</td>
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<td>Sir Kenneth Stowe</td>
<td>Permanent Secretary, DHSS, 1981–87</td>
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<td>Mr David Taylor</td>
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<td>Dr David Tyrrell</td>
<td>Chair, Consultative Committee on Research into Spongiform Encephalopathies, and, later, of SEAC</td>
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<td>Mr William Waldegrave MP</td>
<td>DH Secretary of State, 1990–92, and Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1994–95</td>
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<td>Dr Ailsa Wight</td>
<td>Senior Medical Officer, DH, who took over responsibility for BSE from Dr Hilary Pickles in 1991</td>
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