

CIEH Food Safety Conference

Day one programme: Wednesday 8 July 2026

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Sterling Crew, Public Health Advocate

09.35 **Tackling food crime: NFCU priorities, investigations and prosecutions**

- An update from the National Food Crime Unit on emerging food crime threats, future priorities, and developments in enforcement. Followed by updates on NFCU successful prosecutions and our ongoing cases.

Speaker: Andy Quinn, Head of the National Food Crime Unit, Food Standards Agency (FSA)

10:15 **PFAS in Focus: UK updates and implications for food systems**

- An update on the latest developments in PFAS regulation, emerging research, and potential impacts for UK food systems.

Speaker: Megan Kirton, Senior Project Officer, Fidora

10:55 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:15 **Shell Shocked – Exploring the risks posed by imported eggs to the UK – Economic, food safety and animal welfare**

Speaker: Sterling Crew, Public Health Advocate

11:50 **A tougher approach in action: Lessons from Local Authority enforcement**

- A case study from Blackpool Council exploring its tougher approach to food safety enforcement, including the use of formal action and prosecutions. With insights into enforcement timelines, challenges encountered, lessons learned and practical takeaways

Speaker: Lindsay Milner, Food Control and Health & Safety Enforcement Manager, Blackpool Council

12:35 **The future of allergy safety in schools: Understanding Benedict's Law**

- Exploring Benedict's Law, the requirements for allergy management in schools, the risks posed by allergies, and the role of local authority officers in supporting compliance and safeguarding children.

Speaker: Sarah Knight, Founder, The Allergy Team

13.10 **Closing remarks**

13.15 **End of day one**

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