










Senior Staff Structure - March 2026

DAERA Permanent Secretary - Katrina Godfrey

 Climate Change, Science & Innovation	 Estates Transformation and Windsor Framework Implementation	 Environment, Marine & Fisheries	 Food, Farming & Rural Affairs	 Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)	 Veterinary Service & Animal Health	 Strategic Planning & Corporate Services
Head of Group Tracey Teague	Head of Group Fiona McCandless	Head of Group Julie Thompson	Head of Group Martin McKendry	Chief Executive Dr Richard Crowe (A)	CVO and Head of Group Brian Dooher	Head of Group Mark O'Donnell
Chief Scientific Advisor's Office CSA: Alistair Carson	Estates Transformation Director: Paul Donnelly	Natural Environment Policy Director: Neelia Lloyd	CAFRE Director: Paul McHenry	Waste Regulation and Enforcement Director: Alistair Beggs	Windsor Framework SPS Delivery, Trade & Traceability DCVO: Philip Johnston (A)	Digital Services Director: Conor O'Donnell
Climate Change Legislation and Policy Director: Jane Corderoy	Windsor Framework Implementation Directorate Director: Catherine Fisher	Environmental Resources Policy Director: Shane Doris	Policy, Economics & Statistics Director: Mark McLean (A)	Water Regulation and Enforcement Director: Brian McVeigh	Animal Health & Welfare Policy Director: Neal Gartland	Strategic Support Director: Dr Kathryn Clarke (A)
Climate Action Delivery Director: Claire Cockerill		Marine & Fisheries Director: Owen Lyttle	Sustainable Agri-food Development Director: Alison Chambers	Natural Environment Division Director: Liz Loughran	Veterinary Medicines, Group Renewal and EU Reporting Director: Patricia Quinn-Duffy	Corporate Governance Directorate Director: Alison Caldwell
Green Growth and Innovation Director: James Hutchinson		Forest Service Chief Executive: John Joe O'Boyle	Agricultural Policy Director: Richard Johnston		Enzootic Disease Control & Field Delivery DCVO: Gemma Daly	Finance Director: Roger Downey
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			Rural Affairs Director: Jason Foy		TB Eradication Transformation & NIFAIS Project Director: Nigel Trimble	

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