

Chief Scientific Advisers

Most government departments have a Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA) to provide scientific advice.

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Departmental CSAs work together under the leadership of the [Government Chief Scientific Adviser \(https://www.gov.uk/government/people/angela-mclean\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/people/angela-mclean) to support each other and to resolve cross departmental problems.

They do this primarily through the CSA network.

Role

The network advise the Government Chief Scientific Adviser on all aspects of policy on science and technology. In particular, they:

- provide advice to ministers
- discuss and facilitate implementation of policy on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)

- identify and share good practice in STEM-related areas, including the use of scientific advice in policy making
- facilitate communication on particular high profile STEM-related issues and those posing new challenges for government

Membership

Government Chief Scientific Adviser	Professor Dame Angela McLean (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/dame-angela-mclean)
Department for Business and Trade	Professor Julia Sutcliffe (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/julia-sutcliffe)
Department for Culture, Media and Sport	Professor Tom Rodden (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/tom-rodgen)
Department for Education	Professor Russell Viner (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/russell-viner)
Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero	Professor Paul Monks (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/paul-monks)
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Professor Gideon Henderson (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/gideon-henderson)
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities	Professor Richard Prager (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/richard-prager)
Department for Science, Innovation and Technology	Vacant
Department for Transport	Professor Sarah Sharples (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/sarah-sharples)

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Department for Work and Pensions	Trevor Huddleston (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/trevor-huddleston)
Department of Health and Social Care	Professor Lucy Chappell (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/lucy-chappell)
Food Standards Agency	Professor Robin May (https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/professor-robin-may-chief-scientific-adviser)
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office	Professor Charlotte Watts (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/charlotte-watts)
Health and Safety Executive	Professor Andrew Curran (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/andrew-curran)
His Majesty's Treasury	Vacant
Home Office	Professor Jennifer Rubin (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/jennifer-rubin)
Met Office	Professor Stephen Belcher (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/stephen-belcher)
Ministry of Defence	Professor Vernon Gibson (interim)
Ministry of Defence (Nuclear)	Professor Bill Lee
Ministry of Justice	Vacant
National Police Chiefs' Council	Professor Paul Taylor (https://news.npcc.police.uk/releases/)

[national-policing-chief-scientific-adviser
announced\)](#)

National Security	Alex van Someren (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/alex-van-someren?cachebust=1625483740)
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Northern Ireland Executive	Vacant
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Scottish Government	Professor Julie Fitzpatrick (https://www.gov.uk/government/people/julie-fitzpatrick)
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Welsh Government	Professor Jas Pal Badyal (https://www.gov.wales/professor-jas-pal-badyal)
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Alternative arrangements for the provision of scientific advice are in place for departments which currently have no CSA.

Guidance

- [Chief scientific advisers and their officials](#)
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/chief-scientific-advisers-and-their-officials>)
 - [Scientific and engineering advice: guidelines for policy makers](#)
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scientific-and-engineering-advice-guidelines-for-policy-makers>)
 - [Government science and engineering profession: directory of expertise](#)
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-science-and-engineering-profession-directory-of-expertise>)
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