

AFBI Public Task Statement

Introduction

This statement sets out the Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute's public task for the purposes of the [Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015](#) (RPSI).

The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI) is a non-departmental public body established under [The Agriculture \(Northern Ireland\) Order, 2004](#).

In line with AFBI's vision of "Advancing the local and global agri-food sectors through scientific excellence", AFBI works with a range of partners to provide scientific solutions to the global challenges of climate change, food security and environmental protection. AFBI works with DAERA, other departments and agencies across government in Northern Ireland, national institutions, industry partners and the international research community.

Public Task

The core public functions of AFBI is to undertake scientific work in the fields of:

- (a) agriculture;
- (b) animal health and welfare;
- (c) food;
- (d) fisheries;
- (e) forestry;
- (f) the natural environment; and
- (g) rural development and enterprise.

The administration of scientific work in these areas includes collecting, processing, managing and sharing information to support:

- (a) research and development;
- (b) the testing or analysis of any matter;
- (c) the provision of advice and information on scientific matters; and
- (d) the dissemination or application of the results of scientific research.

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Review

This public task statement is reviewed at least annually. The next planned review is intended to be carried out in March 2025.