



UK Health
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Dear Colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to let you know that Jim McLauchlin died suddenly over the weekend.

As the lead scientist for the UKHSA FW&E Service and the NRL Service for food microbiology, Jim made a hugely important contribution to Food, Water and Environmental Microbiology in the United Kingdom and further afield and was a greatly valued colleague. Amongst his many achievements, Jim successfully spearheaded the bid for the FW&E network to become the UK's National Reference Laboratory for food microbiology, and thanks to the tenacity and passion Jim held in his field of work, the network maintains this role today. His leadership, expertise and work across the public health system is well recognised and we know that many of you will have worked with him in different ways over the years.

It will obviously take us some time to come to terms with this very sad news and to process this information as we work out how to fill the significant gap that he leaves in our service, but we will keep you informed as arrangements become clearer. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact me or any of us at the NRL, or use the generic email address, fwe.nrl@ukhsa.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shona Neal'.

Shona Neal and the NRL Team

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