

Kate Richards

Kate's passion for livestock, agriculture and education have been central to her career. She has worked in veterinary practice, policy and regulation in the public and private sectors, from Aberdeenshire to the heart of the UK civil service in Whitehall. She was a livestock veterinary advisor in Defra before being promoted to manage the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee which assessed risks in relation to BSE - mad cow disease.

Kate has drawn from her deep knowledge and expertise to underpin her non-executive directorship and leadership roles. She is a past president of both the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and the British Cattle Veterinary Association and is currently a non-executive director on the boards of the Moredun Research Institute, Food Standards Scotland, Glasgow Academy and SRUC.

Kate joined the Moredun Foundation Board in 2013, she is a founder member of the Moredun Health & Safety Oversight Committee and Chair of the Group Audit Committee and has recently been appointed Chair of the SRUC Board.