



09.30 **Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing**

10.00 **Welcome & introduction**

Speaker: Fran McCloskey, CEO, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

10.05 - **Keynote session:**

10.55 **A fragile food system? Environmental health in an age of disruption**

In an increasingly unstable global landscape, food security is rising up the national agenda. Is the UK prepared for shocks to the food system? What is needed for public protection and what is the role of CIEH?

Speaker:

- Chris Elliott, Professor of Food Safety and Founder of the Institute for Global Food Security (IGFS) and Vice President of CIEH

10:55 - **Comfort break & exhibition viewing**
11:15

11.15 - **Parallel workshops**
12:00

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Session title	Speakers	Room
Positioning Public and Environmental Health in Local Government Reform - How LGR could reshape leadership, accountability, funding and capacity for PH/EH across systems - Opportunities to strengthen the “wider determinants” narrative: aligning planning, transport, housing and economic policy with health outcomes - Safeguarding statutory duties and delivery: what good looks like for enforcement, outbreak response and community resilience during transition	- Carrie Wood, Senior Public Health Principal – Wider Determinants of Health, Merton Public Health - Sally Burns, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council Chair: Joanna Seymour, Head of Environmental Health Workforce Programme, CIEH	
Crisis response workshop: tackling a major food safety incident - The session will guide you through a realistic major foodborne disease incident based on a real-life outbreak investigation. - We will work together to assess risks, discuss response actions and consider key decision-making points around outbreak control, communication and enforcement. - The session will conclude with a debrief revealing how the real incident developed and the lessons learned for environmental health professionals.	Una Kane, CIEH Food Panel Chair & Environmental Health Manager Chair: Ian Andrews, Head of Environmental Health, CIEH	

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Making AI work for you and your team • Learn about different types of AI • Debunking the myths of AI whilst considering ethical legal and governance positions. • Practical tools & tips • Case study examples	• Dr Jon Ashley, Senior Lecturer in Analytical and Forensic Sciences, Liverpool John Moores University • Chair: Jon Buttolph, Executive Director of Professional Standards, CIEH	
CIEH MOT Membership workshop • Check you are getting all your benefits • Find out more about our training and events offering • Talk to Professional Standards Team • Check out volunteering and career ambassador opportunities • What is an APPG – how can you get involved? • Talk to the Policy team to hear latest guidance and CIEH Policy plans	• CIEH Membership Team • CIEH Policy Team	

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Housing & Health: Interventions to Build Healthy Homes • How housing conditions drive health outcomes: damp and mould, excess cold/heat, overcrowding, injury risk and mental wellbeing • Targeted interventions that work: inspections and enforcement, proactive landlord engagement, advice and referral pathways, and home improvement support • Building “healthy homes” into place and retrofit programmes: ventilation, warmth, energy efficiency and indoor air quality • Working across systems: EH, housing, PH, NHS/ICS and voluntary sector—shared priorities, data and escalation routes	• Dr Henry Dawson, Programme Director Environmental Health, Senior Lecturer in Housing and Public Health, Cardiff Metropolitan University • Jack Head, Researcher, HDRC Greater Essex; Visiting Fellow, University of Essex Chair: Stephen Battersby, Vice President, CIEH & Freelance Environmental Health and Housing Consultant and Researcher	
Leadership Skills: Leading Through Change and LGR • Understanding the strategic landscape and what LGR means for EH leaders • Developing a growth mindset and using Change Tools to manage stakeholder commitment • Building influencing skills to gain buy-in from stakeholders and decision makers • Developing resilient leadership to look after yourself and help teams thrive • Creating a culture of Trust to lead successfully through LGR	• Susie Kennedy, Senior Partner, KBA Solutions Ltd Chair: Fran McCloskey, CEO, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health	
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13.00 Lunch & exhibition viewing

14.00-14.45 Parallel workshops

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Emerging noise assessment guidance - Noise policy and guidance update including emerging guidance on: - Air Source Heat Pumps - Kennels - Sport - Entertainment	- Toby Lewis, Technical Director (Acoustics) WSP UK Ltd - Jonathan Pickering, Policy & Public Affairs Officer, CIEH Chair: Stephen Turner, Vice President, CIEH	
The British Safety Council's new Hidden Hazards Campaign – key findings for EHOs - What should EHOs be looking for? What are the warning signs, higher-risk workplaces and activities etc. - How can regulators intervene before occupational disease develops, rather than waiting for evidence of harm? - Emerging risks – what other “hidden hazards” should environmental health teams have on their radar over the next few years? - How can data, intelligence and frontline observations help identify risks that aren't necessarily showing up through traditional accident/injury reporting?	Ian Cooke, Director of Audit, Consultancy and Culture Change, British Safety Council Chair: Ian Andrews, Head of Environmental Health, CIEH	

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15:05- 15:55 **Panel discussion: The Hazards of Importing food with differing standards than the UK**

Importing food with lower standards than the UK poses significant risks. Much of this growth is coming from countries operating under different regulatory frameworks, where food safety systems may not match those required of British producers. Ukrainian eggs for example, which the UK is importing in increasing numbers, have been consistently linked to food safety issues across Europe in the last year. Public health is jeopardised by bacterial contamination banned additives, and growth hormones. Excessive antibiotic use in foreign farming also drives antimicrobial resistance. These products undercut UK farmers, who face higher costs to meet strict domestic regulations, potentially compromising long-term food security. Beyond the border – SPS reform and the future of food controls, what does this mean for EH? What are the risks and challenges?

Speakers:

- Dr Lisa Ackerley, Trustee, CIEH
- Dr Gauri Godbole, UKHSA
- Sioned Hatcher Evans, Food Alert
- Louise Mansfield, Legal Director, Bevan Brittan
- Anthony Baldock, Director of Health and Wellbeing, Ashford Borough Council



15.55 **Keynote session: Importance of lobbying for change and making a difference to public health**

Celestine Cheong FRSA AMEI, Head of External Communications, UK Atomic Energy Authority

For just shy of a decade, I worked in the fire sector - first with the Business Sprinkler Alliance through Ogilvy, then the Fire Sector Federation and The Fire Protection Association - lobbying for amends to the flawed Approved Document B that still support the Building Regulations today. My work focused on highlighting business resilience through enhanced fire safety and exposing the weaknesses in the system to various building and fire ministers and civil servants and that contribution was featured in "Grenfell Uncovered", the 2026 BAFTA TV Award for Best Single Documentary.



16.25 **Closing comments: Fran McCloskey, CEO, CIEH**

16.30 **Conference ends**

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16.45 **CIEH award & recognition: drinks and canapés reception (sponsored by Gough Square Chambers)**

17.00 **Welcome**

Presented by Mark Elliott, CIEH President, Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

- BSc dissertation winner presentation: Presented by Tim Deveau, CIEH Chair (2004 – 2005) & Author
- Hon Fellowship Presentation
- CIEH Outstanding Team Award Sponsored by 
- CIEH Leading Innovation Award Sponsored by 
- CIEH Rising Star Award Sponsored by 
- CIEH Hero Award Sponsored by 

• Awards
Presentation

19.00 **Close of event**

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