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Having secured a PhD in pharmacology and completed a postdoctoral research post, I decided to transfer my skills into public administration and joined the UK Civil Service. A varied career in Defra has seen me working in roles ranging from deputy head of the UK international climate change delegation to trade in live fish, from leading policy development on protection of the marine environment to implementing the EU's Nitrates Directive.

I took on leadership of the Geographical Indications Team in autumn 2016, primarily to deliver a new UK GI scheme for when the UK leaves the EU and establish the policy underpinning the UK's EU exit negotiations on GIs and future trade relationships.