

Summary of NRL activities for April 2025 to March 2026

Activities	Function	Core	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			March 2025	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	January 2026	February	March
Disseminate information from external organisations to FSA	Disseminate information	1.a													
Produce and circulate quarterly newsletter to FSA, OLs and other labs	Disseminate information	1.a, 1.c													
OL User Day meeting, online, 8 September	Meeting	1.a, 1.c													
Perform audit on OL’s accreditation status on UKAS website	Secretariat	1.b													
Review content of UK Food Examiner register	Secretariat	1.b													
Continue liaison meetings with APHA <i>Salmonella</i> , <i>Campylobacter</i> and AMR NRLs	Secretariat	1.c													
Liaise with CEFAS for <i>E.coli</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> in shellfish NRL activities	Secretariat	1.c													
Liaise with Campden BRI for challenge testing activities	Secretariat	1.c.													
2024 to 2025 Annual report to FSA	Co-ordination	1.d													
Monthly reporting to FSA	Co-ordination	1.d													
Arrange quarterly meetings with FSA	Co-ordination	1.e													
Maintain and update NRL web content on UKHSA website	Website	1.f													
Provide advice to FSA, OLs, and other UK labs on request	Advice	2.a, 2.d, 2.e													
<i>Salmonella</i> Workshop, online, 20 May	EURL Workshop	2.b													
<i>Listeria</i> 18th Workshop, TBC	EURL Workshop	2.b													
<i>E. coli</i> 20th Workshop in Rome, 2 to 3 October	EURL Workshop	2.b													
<i>Campylobacter</i> 20th Workshop, 7 to 8 October	EURL Workshop	2.b													
Antimicrobial Resistance 19th Workshop, TBC	EURL Workshop	2.b													
Coagulase positive Staphylococci 19th Workshop, TBC	EURL Workshop	2.b													
Attend STEC training workshops	EURL training	2.c.													
Liaise with FSA in matters concerning UK’s testing capabilities	Capability	2.d													
AMR in <i>Listeria</i> spp from the food chain – literature review	Horizon scanning	2.e													
Liaising with FSA concerning EU relations	Advice and communication	2.f													
Participation in WG for revised ISO 13136 (STEC)	Advice and representation	2.g, 5.a													

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Participation in BSI AW9 microbiology committee	Advice and representation	2.g													
Produce OL performance review of 4 years' participation of EFL scheme	Peer-reviewed manuscript	3.a, 4.b													
Revise and maintain UK SOP list on website	Maintain SOPs	3.a													
AMR SOP in food	Method development	3.a													
Focussed testing and method development for FSA, upon request and joint agreement	R&D	3.b, 3.c, 3.d													
Ensure OLs maintain adequate testing for UK and update FSA where appropriate	UK PT	4.a													
Liaise with FEPTU for OL participation to EFL Scheme and monitor OL's testing of EFL scheme	UK PT	4.b, 4.f													
<i>Salmonella</i> detection in flaxseeds PT from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
<i>Campylobacter</i> enumeration in chicken skin PT from EURL (PT39)	EURL PT	4.d													
Detection of STEC in sprouts from EURL (PT 43)	EURL PT	4.c													
Coag+ Staph enumeration PT in cheese from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> detection, enumeration and typing PT in vegetable drink from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
<i>Salmonella</i> typing PT from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
<i>E. coli</i> and STEC id and typing and WGS PT from EURL (PT 45)	EURL PT	4.d													
AMR <i>E.coli</i> and <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> PT from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
DTU Genomic WGS of TBC PT	International PT	4.d													
AMR selective isolation of <i>E. coli</i> in meat or caecal sample PT from EURL	EURL PT	4.d													
Organise hybrid workshop for UK OLs, TBC	Workshop	4.e													
Assessing OL capability and capacity for the UK through 2025 audit	Audit	4.g													
Support food aspect of EU-wide AR monitoring (Decision 2013/652/EU), if required	EU monitoring	5.a													
Provide information regarding WGS processes to EURLs and other international organisations, when contacted	EURL initiative	5.a													
Communicate with FSA of results and data use, when required	Communication	6													

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Perform defined work when requested by FSA for incident management, with joint agreement and where appropriate	Incident management	7													
Disseminate EPIS and other alerts to FSA	Disseminate information	7													