

Profile of Dr Simon Doherty

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Dr Simon Doherty is the Animal Science & Aquaculture Specialist for the UK Government's Agri-Tech Organisation. His role is to increase overseas inward investment by linking academia and industry to develop world-class R&D and business opportunities in the agri-food sector. He provides expert scientific advice on animal health & welfare and aquaculture – from companion animal nutrition and livestock genetics, to veterinary pharmaceuticals and aquaculture installations.

Simon runs his own business, Blackwater Consultancy Ltd, from which he delivers professional consultancy and training services to a range of public and private clients in the animal health sector. He is a certified aquaculture veterinarian, an accredited CowSignals Trainer, and an Honorary Lecturer at Queen's University Belfast, where he is involved in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. He has been an author on many peer-reviewed publications and reports in the animal health space; covering topics as diverse as vaccine design, rapid diagnostics, bovine mastitis, emerging & re-emerging diseases of livestock and salmonid feed additives.

Simon qualified as a veterinary surgeon from the University of Glasgow Veterinary School in 2000 and worked in general practice – mainly progressive farm animal & equine but with some clinical work in companion animal and zoo species – in West Stirlingshire, Scotland, and in North Down, Northern Ireland, for 5 years. After a brief spell setting up Veterinary Northern Ireland (VetNI), he held a post as a Veterinary Research Officer at the Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI) at Stormont in Belfast where he managed the Ruminant Virology, Fish Diseases and Animal Services Units, and was the Named Veterinary Surgeon. In 2014, he became Director, Operations & Business Development for Belfast-based biotech company, SiSaf Ltd, before joining UKTI (now DIT).

Simon is the Senior Vice-President of the North of Ireland Veterinary Association (NIVA) and Northern Ireland Branch of the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and is a trustee of the livestock development charity, Send a Cow. He is a STEM Ambassador and provides careers advice and mentoring services to applicants to veterinary school.



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