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New Approaches to Old Problems

How new and emerging technologies are enhancing traditional approaches to disease control.

Join Us On

**11th March
2026**

7.00pm - 9.30pm

AFBI Hillsborough
Large Park, Hillsborough
Co Down BT26 6DR



TICKETS

NIVA members - Free
Non-members - £40
Students - £15

Tea & Coffee Provided

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Our Speakers



Dr Adrian Allen Dr Ken Lemon

The combination of traditional and novel technologies are allowing unprecedented insights into infectious diseases. This meeting will unpack how the combination of tools that are now available are allowing the detailed understanding of infectious diseases; what drives transmission, how the pathogens are changing over time and insights into how transmission can be prevented.

The meeting will cover findings from the PM room through to the most up to date application of genomic techniques in the battle against infectious diseases.



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Our Speakers

Dr Adrian Allen



Dr Allen's work centres around population genetics and its application to infectious diseases, particularly bovine TB and brucellosis. His work seeks to better understand bacterial evolution, epidemiology, and host resistance to bTB as well as the population genetics of badgers at a local and national scale. He also manages AFBI's forensic cattle DNA profiling laboratory.

Dr Ken Lemon



Dr Lemon is a virologist. His research focuses on respiratory RNA viruses of veterinary significance, particularly animal influenza viruses. Research themes include surveillance, pathogenesis, and vaccine development. He is also involved in statutory diagnostic testing and emergency response for epizootic viruses such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza virus.