

## **John Fitzgerald - Operations Director, Veterinary Medicines Directorate**



### **Speaker; Pick and mix on medicines. Saturday 26 September, 11.00 – 12.00**

John FitzGerald has been the Policy, now Operations, Director at the VMD since November 2001. In this role he is responsible for all policy issues in relation to veterinary medicines, residues surveillance and zootechnical feed additives, and in particular, for veterinary medicines legislation including Veterinary Medicines Regulations, which implement the changes agreed in Review 2001, the Marsh Report and the Competition Commission Report. These include the distribution arrangements for veterinary medicines in the UK which remain the VMD's responsibility following successful negotiations in Brussels.

John has worked at the VMD since December 1995 when he became the Secretary and Head of Business Unit. Before that he worked in MAFF's Animal Health Division on notifiable diseases and animal identification. He joined the Civil Service straight from school and, in addition to his jobs in MAFF/Defra, has worked in the Intervention Board and in the Cabinet Office on Civil Service reform. John is a member of the Chartered Management Institute and a season ticket holder at Fulham.