

Hearings Panel Chairs and Members – Interests declared as of 12 October 2026

Name	Own interests		Connected Persons interests
	Current interests	Professional memberships	
ABBOTT , David Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
ALABI , Oluremi Lay member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
AKRAM , Iftab OO member	Current: • Employment - Practice Plus Group, North Derbyshire, Lead Optometrist • Shareholdings – Director of IA Ophthalmic Limited Previous: • Employment - ARC Primary Care, Chesterfield, Community Eye Care Service, Lead Optometrist • Mid Yorkshire NHS Trust - April 2017 - Sept 2022 • Clinical Tutor/Supervisor (one day a week) - University of Bradford - March 2017 - March 2020 • NewMedica (pre-Specsavers takeover) - July 2017 - June 2019 • Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Trust - April 2016 - April 2017 • Sheffield Children's NHS Trust - October 2015 - March 2016 • Scrivens Opticians (part-time) Feb' 2007 - June 2008 & Sept' 2012 - April 2015 • Boots Opticians (pre-registration) - July 2005 - Dec 2006.	Current: • Member of charity - Vision Action • Member of South Yorkshire Community Optometry Forum Previous: • Acuity Journal Editorial Board Member (College Optometrists) - Sept. 2022 - June 2025.	None declared
ALEXANDER , Jackie Anne Lay member	Current:	None declared	None declared

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	- Employed: fitness to practise lay professional case examiner, Social Work England Previous: - Employed: lay panel member, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants		
BARRETT , Ann OO member	Current: - Associate Specialist Optometrist: Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust - Associate Specialist Optometrist: Applesons Optometrists / NHS Wetherby Eye Clinic - Optometrist: Optivu eyecare Farsley Opticians	Current: - Member AOP - Member College of Optometrists	Close relative: member of Education Visitor Panel
BASRA , Amritpreet OO member	None declared	None declared	None declared
BAYLAY , Sarah DO member	Current: Employed: Boots Opticians	Current: Member, ABDO	None declared
BENNETT , Nahid Sadr-Kazemi DO member	Current: - Employed: Contact Lens Optician in Specsavers, Buxton. - Deputy Clinical Lead at University of Manchester. - Facilitator for Specsavers PAC and Mini PAC conferences. - Theory Marker for ABDO dispensing and contact lens course examinations.	None declared	None declared
BRENNAN , Andrew Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
CASTREE , Sarah DO member	Current: - From February 2010, Lecturer at City and Islington College. - From July 2012, ABDO practical examiner.	None declared	None declared

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	- From 2015, ABDO Theory Examiner. - From 2015, ABDO Practice Visitor.		
CLARK , Caroline OO member	Current: Employed (locum): Kennet Lahti Opticians Member.	Current: - Treasurer, Leeds LOC - Member: AOP	Close relative: Optometric Adviser, NHS England North East & Yorkshire Close relative: Chair, LEHN West Yorkshire and Harrogate
CONNOLLY , Kevin Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
CONNOR , Denise OO member	Current: - Employed: Boots Opticians - Committee member: Hampshire LOC Previous: - Employed: Specsavers and Heathcall Optical Services	Current: - Assessor: College of Optometrists - Member: College of Optometrists - Member: AOP - Treasurer: Hampshire LOC	None declared
CROSS , Philip DO member	Current: Partner: In Home Eyecare	Current: Member: ABDO	Close relative: registered optometrist
DEAL , Susan Ann DO Member	Current: - Distance learning tutor for ABDO College. - Practical examiner for ABDO and a practice visitor. - Moderator for ABDO theory exams.	None declared	None declared
DHANJI , Tasneem Lay member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
DUTTON , Christian OO member	Current: Professional Services Manager: Evolutio Care Innovations Ltd.	Current: Member: AOP	None declared

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	- Fellow and former Councillor: The College of Optometrists - Owner Principal (self-employed): Dutton Optometry - Postgraduate Tutor/Assessor: WOPEC3 (Cardiff University) - Volunteer (non-clinical): ROKPA Trust Previous: - Clinic supervisor/lecturer: University of Portsmouth (September to December 2018) - Optometrist (locum): Boots Opticians - Optometrist (resident): ASDA Opticians (June 2002 – December 2016)	- Fellow (and former Councillor): College of Optometrists - Member: Faculty of Clinical Informatics - Member: European Academy of Optometry and Optics	
ELLIS , Danielle OO member	Current: - Employed, Vision Express Brent Cross - Vice Chair NCL LOC (change of title from Vice Vice Chair, BECH LOC). - Advancement Lead for LOCSU (change of title from Optical Lead, LOCSU). - Locum optometrist	Current: - Member: AOP - Member: College of Optometrists	None declared
ENSTON , Nicola Jayne Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
FIDA , Sarvat OO member	Current: - Non-Executive Director on the LOCSU Board (January 2025). - Employed by Newmedica as a Principal Optometrist (from March 2024). - Advancement Lead for North East & Yorkshire Region at Local Optical Committee Support Unit (LOCSU) - Committee Member of Wakefield Local Optical Committee	Current: - Member of College of Optometrists - Member of Association of Optometrists	October 2023 - present: work alongside a newly appointed member of GOC Investigation Committee, at Asda Opticians August 2021-present: work

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	- Hearings Panel Member of GOC Fitness to Practice Committee 2019 - present: Registrant Hearings Panel Member of Fitness to GOC Practise Committee Previous: - Employed as Professional Services Manager at Asda Opticians (until March 2024) - Optometrist at Asda Opticians (until March 2024) 2002 - 2023 Resident Optometrist at Asda Opticians Wakefield 2015 - 2018 & 2019 – 2020: Clinical Lead Optometrist at Asda Opticians 2018 - 2019: Locum Optometrist at Auckland Opticians 2010 - 2015: Locum Optometrist at HMP Wakefield & A. C. Smith Opticians Wakefield 2000 - 2022: Member of Association of Optometrists 2000 - 2002: Resident Optometrist at Specsavers Opticians Wakefield & Dewsbury 2000 - 2002: Clinical Supervisor at Bradford University 1999 - 2000: Pre registration trainee at Leeds Teaching Hospitals 1997 - 1999: Student Optometrist at Bradford University		alongside a Registrant member of FTP, at LOCSU (Local Optical Committee Support Unit)
FOX , Louise Lay member & Chair	None declared	None declared	Anthony Austin Optometrists

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GEARY , Vivienne Margaret Lay member	None declared	Current: • Law society	None declared
GOH , Daniel OO member	Current: • Committee member, Hospital Optometrists Committee	None declared	None declared
GOVIND , Peena OO member	Current: • Deputy Superintendent Optometrist at Asda Stores Ltd	None declared	None declared
GOW , Louise OO member	Current: • Employed by Royal National Institute of Blind people (RNIB) • Employed by SeeAbility in the special schools eye care service • Manage the Low Vision Centre (RNIB) which is a registered body corporate with GOC • VI clinical tutoring and lectures at City St George's University Previous: • Previously employed by GOC on the registration committee and advisory panel until 2024	Current: • Registered optometrist with the GOC	None declared
GUDRAY , Maninder OO member	Current: • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Chelmsley Wood) • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Castle Vale) Previous: • Former Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Oxford)	None declared	None declared
GUMBER , Dilraj OO Member	Current:	None declared	None declared

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	• Director at Specsavers Melton Mowbray - commenced May 2019 • Professional Services Consultant - Specsavers Optical Group		
HAMILTON , Sarah Lay Member & Chair	Current: None declared Previous: • Non-Executive Director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Trust.	None declared	None declared
HANSON , Ian Lay member	Current: • Investigation Committee Lay Member: Institute of Chartered Accountants • Magistrate: Family Court.	Current: • Independent Member: Central Arbitration Committee (CAC)	None declared
HART , Gaon Lay Member & Chair	Current: • Non-Executive Director, NHS Counter Fraud Authority	None declared	None declared
HILL , Lisa Lay Member	Current: • FA (football association) general safeguarding panel as of July 2026.	None declared	None declared
HOWARD , Alexander OO member	Current: • Employed: Newmedica (1 day a week) in the Glaucoma clinic, from 22 Sept 2023. • Employed: University of Manchester, member of clinical staff (Stage 1 assessor). Commenced Sept 2017. • Employed: College of Optometrists, Stage 1 Assessor. Commenced Aug 2019. • Panel Member of Appeals Review Panel for the College of Optometrists. Commenced June 2023. • Employed part-time: Optometrist, Chesterfield and Matlock Specsavers. Commenced Jan 2009	Current: • Membership: College of Optometrists. • Membership: AOP	Close relative: Director, Chesterfield & Matlock Specsavers

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	- Employed part-time: Bank Senior Paediatric Optometrist (Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust). Commenced March 2015. Previous: - Employed: Locum Paediatric Optometrist (East Midlands Medical Services – EMMS – in Nottingham). Concluded April 2023. - Employed: Optometry-Led Glaucoma Assessment (OLGA) Teaching Clinics. Therefore, holds an honorary contract with Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. Concluded May 2023.		
JINABHAI , Amit OO member	Current: - Specialist Member of the First-Tier Tribunal in the Health Education and Social Care (HESC) Chamber; - Hearings Panel Registrant Member, The General Optical Council (GOC); - Lay Regulatory Tribunal Member, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS); - Lay Disciplinary Committee Member, The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA); - Lay Chairperson, The United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapy (UKCP); - Final Assessment OSCEs External Examiner, The College of Optometrists; - Programme External Examiner (Optometry), Teesside University;	Current: - Member: College of Optometrists - Fellow: British Contact Lens Association - Senior Fellow: Higher Education Academy - Member: AOP - Fellow: European Academy of Optometry and Optics	Close relative: registrant optometrist (Vision Express employee)

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	• Programme External Examiner (Optometry), The University of Central Lancashire; • Independent Chair of the Disciplinary Panel, The UK College of Optometrists; • Member, The UK College of Optometrists; • Member, The Association of Optometrists; • Fellow, The British Contact Lens Association; • Fellow, The European Academy of Optometry and Optics (EAOO); • Independent Fellowship Assessor, EAOO; • Registered Optometrist, The General Optical Council; • Senior Fellow, The Higher Education Academy Previous: • Senior Lecturer (Optometry), The University of Manchester (Dec 2012 - May 2024); • Programme External Examiner (Optometry), Bradford University (Sept 2019 - Aug 2024)		
KARP , Miriam Lay member	Current: • Lay Tribunal Member: Royal Society of Chartered Surveyors, from Nov 2023. • Lay member: Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal Northern Ireland (appointed in Dec 2019 but took up position in Sept 2023, due to Covid disruption). • Nursing and Midwifery Council Panel Chair, Interim Order Hearings, from 2012 - March 2022	None declared	None declared

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	• Social Work England Panel Chair Fitness To Practise, from 2019 • Secretary of State for Transport's Honorary Medical Advisory Panel on Driving and Visual Disorders, Lay Member from 2019 • Medical Practitioners' Tribunal Service, Tribunal Member, from 2011 • Exceptional Circumstances Body Tribunal Member. Independent Tribunal ruling on school transfer on behalf of the Department of Education NI, from 2010 Previous: • Non-Executive director Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, from 2015 to 31 August 2023.		
KIRK , Gaynor OO member	Current: • Employed, Specsavers Newmarket • Optometric Clinical Advisor, NHS England East • Supervising Optometrist and Research Assistant, Anglia Ruskin University • Examiner, College of Optometrists OSCE exams	Current: none declare Previous: • Former Member: Suffolk LOC	None declared
MAGEE , Annabelle OO member	Current: • Owner and Director Clear View Vision Ltd • Postgraduate Low Vision Assessor Cardiff University	None declared	None declared
MANGAT , Jasheen OO member	Current: • Employed: Professional Services Manager/Optometrist at Scrivens Opticians & Hearing Care, November 2005 – Present	Current: • Member: College of Optometrists • Member: Association of Optometrists	None declared

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	• Committee Member of Dudley Local Optical Committee, March 2014 – Present • Vice Chair Dudley Local Optical Committee, June 2019 - July 2023 Previous: • Vice Chair Dudley Local Optical Committee, June 2019 - July 2023 • Employed: Optometrist at Rayner Opticians, December 2001 - November 2005 • Employed: Pre-Registration Optometrist at Rayner Opticians, July 2000 - December 2001		
McFARLANE , Audrey Marilyn Lay member	Current: • Member: Fitness to Practice Panel, General Dental Council Previous: • Solicitor: Homes England. Employment ended Nov 2023.	Current: • Member: Law Society	None declared
McKECHIN , Ann Lay member	Current: • Board Member: Public Health Scotland • Lay member: General Chiropractic Council's Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee • Lay member: General Chiropractic Council's Professional Conduct Committee and the Health Committee • Non- Executive Director: Smart Metering Communications Body Ltd trading as Smart Energy GB • Independent Chair: Scottish Prison Service Advisory Board (until 2025)	Current: • Member: Law Society of Scotland	None declared

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MCLAREN , Mark Lay member	Current: None declared Previous: - Advised the RCVS on establishing a consumer complaints service which is administered by Nockolds, the law firm which also administers the GOC's OCSS (until 2018) - Non-executive director, Property Ombudsman	None declared	None declared
NAIK , Asmita Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
NATHAN , Sara Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
O'ROURKE , Gemma OO member	Current: Panel Member of the Preliminary Proceeding Committee of CORU (Since 9 April 2024). CORU Regulates Health and Social Care Professionals in the Republic of Ireland).	Current: - Member: AOP - Member: College of Optometrists	None declared
PERRY , Gillian (Jill) DO member	None declared	None declared	None declared
PILKINGTON , Nigel Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
PINNINGTON , Simon DO member	Current: - Self-employed locum Dispensing Optician / Contact Lens Optician, Specsavers Group Previous: - Director and 50% shareholder, Hounslow Visionplus Ltd and Hounslow Specsavers Ltd (until May 2019)	None declared	None declared
POWELL , Clive Lay member & Chair	Current:	None declared	None declared

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	Chair Performers List Decision Panel		
REID , Lesley Jane DO member	Current: - Director: Oakmead Opticians Ltd., Chislehurst, Kent. From 2019 to the present. - Committee Member: Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich Local Optical Council. Previous: - GOC Case Examiner, FTP, 2014 – 2023. - Investigation Committee Member, GOC, 2019 – 2023.	Current: Member: ABDO. From 1991 to the present.	None declared
ROSKILLY , Diane Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
SMITH , Adrian Lay member & Chair	Current: - Lay Chair: Professional Conduct Committee – General Dental Council - Lay Chair: FtP Committee – Nursing and Midwifery Council - Lay Chair: FtP Adjudication committee – Social Work England	None declared	None declared
SMITH , Victoria Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
STREET , Adrian DO member	Current: - Employed: HO2 Management, part of The Hakim Group Previous: - Director: F Norville Ltd trading as Norville Opticians	Current: - Member: ABDO board Previous: - Member: FODO board	None declared
SUMMERSKILL , Ben Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
TAYLOR , Ian DO member	Current:	None declared	None declared

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	• 50% shareholder and director, Specs2U Ltd • 50% shareholder and director, MBOS Ltd		
TELFER , Jacqueline Lay Member	None declared	None declared	None declared
TETLOW , Carolyn Lay member	Current: • Judge, First Tier Tribunal, Health, Education and Social Care Chamber • Lay member: GCC, GPhC, CICAIR • Panel chair: Social Work England (SWE) • Panel chair: Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) • Panel chair: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)	None declared	None declared
THEOPHILUS , Kalpana OO member	Current: • Gateway Assessor: Citizens Advice Bureau • Examiner/Assessor: The College of Optometrists • Visiting Lecturer/Tutor Practitioner: University of Hertfordshire Previous: • Employed: Optometrist, Boots Opticians • Member: Fitness to Practise Hearings Panel, University of Hertfordshire • Employed: Senior Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire	Current: • Member: AOP	None declared
TWEED , Joy Lay Member	Current: • Chair, Local Optical Committee Support Unit. Appointed June 2022	None declared	None declared
WAREHAM , Gerard Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
WEBSTER , Amanda Jane	Current:	Current:	None declared

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Lay member	• Deputy District Judge Civil and Family Jurisdictions • Chair of Police Appeals Tribunal • Quality Assurance Board member and Lead for Quality Assurance re MoJ Witness Intermediary Service. Partner & Head of Professional Development and Training Principle at Harrison-Drury Solicitors.	• Vice Chair: Red Rose Recovery	
WORTLEY , Julia Lay Member & Chair	Current: • Reserve Deputy Fitness to Practise Committee Chair at the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPHC) from September 2026.	None declared	None declared