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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: • Support Office of Specsavers for the South of England from 3 April 2023.	Current: • Member: AOP	None declared

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	• Professional Services Manager: Evolutio Care Innovations Ltd. • 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)	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

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	• Committee Member of Wakefield Local Optical Committee • 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		August 2021-present: work alongside a Registrant member of FTP, at LOCSU (Local Optical Committee Support Unit)

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FOX, Louise Lay member & Chair	None declared	None declared	Anthony Austin Optometrists
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

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GUMBER, Dilraj OO Member	Current: • Director at Specsavers Melton Mowbray - commenced May 2019 • Professional Services Consultant - Specsavers Optical Group	None declared	None declared
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