

Hearings Panel Chairs and Members – Interests declared as of 07 May 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment - Practice Plus Group, North Derbyshire, Lead Optometrist • Shareholdings – Director of IA Ophthalmic Limited <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of charity - Vision Action • Member of South Yorkshire Community Optometry Forum <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: fitness to practise lay professional case examiner, Social Work England <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: lay panel member, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants 		
BARRETT , Ann OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Associate Specialist Optometrist: Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust Associate Specialist Optometrist: Applesons Optometrists / NHS Wetherby Eye Clinic Optometrist: Optivu eyecare Farsley Opticians 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: Boots Opticians 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member, ABDO 	None declared
BENNETT , Nahid Sadr-Kazemi DO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From February 2010, Lecturer at City and Islington College. From July 2012, ABDO practical examiner. 	None declared	None declared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 2015, ABDO Theory Examiner. From 2015, ABDO Practice Visitor. 		
CLARK , Caroline OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed (locum): Kennet Lahti Opticians Member. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treasurer, Leeds LOC Member: AOP 	<p>Close relative: Optometric Adviser, NHS England North East & Yorkshire</p> <p>Close relative: Chair, LEHN West Yorkshire and Harrogate</p>
CONNOLLY , Kevin Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
CONNOR , Denise OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: Boots Opticians Committee member: Hampshire LOC <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: Specsavers and Heathcall Optical Services 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessor: College of Optometrists Member: College of Optometrists Member: AOP Treasurer: Hampshire LOC 	None declared
CROSS , Philip DO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner: In Home Eyecare 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: ABDO 	Close relative: registered optometrist
DEAL , Susan Ann DO Member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Services Manager: Evolutio Care Innovations Ltd. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: AOP 	None declared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinic supervisor/lecturer: University of Portsmouth (September to December 2018) • Optometrist (locum): Boots Opticians • Optometrist (resident): ASDA Opticians (June 2002 – December 2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellow (and former Councillor): College of Optometrists • Member: Faculty of Clinical Informatics • Member: European Academy of Optometry and Optics 	
ELLIS , Danielle OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: AOP • Member: College of Optometrists 	None declared
ENSTON , Nicola Jayne Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
FIDA , Sarvat OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of College of Optometrists • Member of Association of Optometrists 	<p>October 2023 - present: work alongside a newly appointed member of GOC Investigation Committee, at Asda Opticians</p> <p>August 2021-present: work</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearings Panel Member of GOC Fitness to Practice Committee • 2019 - present: Registrant Hearings Panel Member of Fitness to GOC Practise Committee <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		<p>alongside a Registrant member of FTP, at LOCSU (Local Optical Committee Support Unit)</p>
<p>FOX, Louise Lay member & Chair</p>	<p>None declared</p>	<p>None declared</p>	<p>Anthony Austin Optometrists</p>

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GEARY , Vivienne Margaret Lay member	None declared	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law society 	None declared
GOH , Daniel OO member	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee member, Hospital Optometrists Committee 	None declared	None declared
GOVIND , Peena OO member	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Superintendent Optometrist at Asda Stores Ltd 	None declared	None declared
GOW , Louise OO member	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously employed by GOC on the registration committee and advisory panel until 2024 	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered optometrist with the GOC 	None declared
GUDRAY , Maninder OO member	Current: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Chelmsley Wood) • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Castle Vale) Previous: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Oxford) 	None declared	None declared
GUMBER , Dilraj OO Member	Current:	None declared	None declared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director at Specsavers Melton Mowbray - commenced May 2019 • Professional Services Consultant - Specsavers Optical Group 		
HAMILTON , Sarah Lay Member & Chair	<p>Current: None declared</p> <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive Director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Trust. 	None declared	None declared
HANSON , Ian Lay member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation Committee Lay Member: Institute of Chartered Accountants • Magistrate: Family Court. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Member: Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) 	None declared
HART , Gaon Lay Member & Chair	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive Director, NHS Counter Fraud Authority 	None declared	None declared
HILL , Lisa Lay Member	None declared	None declared	None declared
HOWARD , Alexander OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Employed part-time: Bank Senior Paediatric Optometrist (Sherwood Forest 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership: College of Optometrists. • Membership: AOP 	<p>Close relative:</p> <p>Director, Chesterfield & Matlock Specsavers</p>

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	<p>Hospitals Trust). Commenced March 2015.</p> <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		
<p>JINABHAI, Amit OO member</p>	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • Programme External Examiner (Optometry), The University of Central Lancashire; 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: College of Optometrists • Fellow: British Contact Lens Association • Senior Fellow: Higher Education Academy • Member: AOP • Fellow: European Academy of Optometry and Optics 	<p>Close relative: registrant optometrist (Vision Express employee)</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Lecturer (Optometry), The University of Manchester (Dec 2012 - May 2024); • Programme External Examiner (Optometry), Bradford University (Sept 2019 - Aug 2024) 		
<p>KARP, Miriam Lay member</p>	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Social Work England Panel Chair Fitness To Practise, from 2019 	None declared	None declared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive director Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, from 2015 to 31 August 2023. 		
<p>KILGANNON, Jane Lay member</p>	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjudicator: Road User Charging Adjudicators' Tribunal • Adjudicator: Office of the Schools Adjudicator • Legal Adviser: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants • Legal Adviser: Social Work England • Legally Qualified Chair: Investigating Committee • Legally Qualified Chair: Health and Care Professions Council Tribunal Service • Legally Qualified Chair / Legal Assessor: Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service • Lay Member: Employment Tribunal of England and Wales • Lay Member: Appeal Committee, Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers Bar Council • Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development 	<p>None declared</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Adviser: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Legal Lay Member: Charter Case Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons • Legal Adviser: General Dental Council <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Chair: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Lay Member: Preliminary Investigation Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons 		
KIRK , Gaynor OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed, Specsavers Newmarket • Optometric Clinical Advisor, NHS England East • Supervising Optometrist and Research Assistant, Anglia Ruskin University • Examiner, College of Optometrists OSCE exams 	<p>Current: none declare</p> <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Member: Suffolk LOC 	None declared
MAGEE , Annabelle OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner and Director Clear View Vision Ltd • Postgraduate Low Vision Assessor Cardiff University 	None declared	None declared
MANGAT , Jasheen OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: Professional Services Manager/Optometrist at Scrivens Opticians & Hearing Care, November 2005 – Present • Committee Member of Dudley Local Optical Committee, March 2014 – Present • Vice Chair Dudley Local Optical Committee, June 2019 - July 2023 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: College of Optometrists • Member: Association of Optometrists 	None declared

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	<p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		
<p>MC FARLANE, Audrey Marilyn Lay member</p>	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Fitness to Practice Panel, General Dental Council <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitor: Homes England. Employment ended Nov 2023. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Law Society 	None declared
<p>MC KECHIN, Ann Lay member</p>	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Law Society of Scotland 	None declared
<p>MC LAREN, Mark Lay member</p>	<p>Current: None declared</p> <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised the RCVS on establishing a consumer complaints service which is 	None declared	None declared

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	<p>administered by Nockolds, the law firm which also administers the GOC's OCSS (until 2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-executive director, Property Ombudsman 		
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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed locum Dispensing Optician / Contact Lens Optician, Specsavers Group <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director and 50% shareholder, Hounslow Visionplus Ltd and Hounslow Specsavers Ltd (until May 2019) 	None declared	None declared
POWELL , Clive Lay member & Chair	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Performers List Decision Panel 	None declared	None declared
REID , Lesley Jane DO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director: Oakmead Opticians Ltd., Chislehurst, Kent. From 2019 to the present. 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: ABDO. From 1991 to the present. 	None declared

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Member: Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich Local Optical Council. <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOC Case Examiner, FTP, 2014 – 2023. Investigation Committee Member, GOC, 2019 – 2023. 		
ROSKILLY , Diane Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
SMITH , Adrian Lay member & Chair	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: HO2 Management, part of The Hakim Group <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director: F Norville Ltd trading as Norville Opticians 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: ABDO board <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: FODO board 	None declared
SUMMERSKILL , Ben Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
TAYLOR , Ian DO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% shareholder and director, Specs2U Ltd 50% shareholder and director, MBOS Ltd 	None declared	None declared
TELFER , Jacqueline Lay Member	None declared	None declared	None declared
TETLOW , Carolyn	Current:	None declared	None declared

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Lay member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 		
THEOPHILUS , Kalpana OO member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gateway Assessor: Citizens Advice Bureau • Examiner/Assessor: The College of Optometrists • Visiting Lecturer/Tutor Practitioner: University of Hertfordshire <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: Optometrist, Boots Opticians • Member: Fitness to Practise Hearings Panel, University of Hertfordshire • Employed: Senior Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: AOP 	None declared
TWEED , Joy Lay Member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Lay member	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 & 	<p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair: Red Rose Recovery 	None declared

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	Head of Professional Development and Training Principle at Harrison-Drury Solicitors.		
WORTLEY, Julia Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared