GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL – REGISTER OF INTEREST (UPDATED 6 OCTOBER 2026)

	Own interests				Connected Persons interests
	Current interests	**Professional memberships**	**Previous interests**	**GOC committee memberships**	
Jacqui **ADAMS** Lay Member	• Lay panel member – Misconduct hearings for Avon & Somerset and Eastern region Police & Crime Commissioner • Lay Chair: Independent Decision-Making Body of the Bar Standards Board • Registrant Panel Member: Fitness to Practice Board of the Health & Professions Council (HCPC) • Occupational Therapist: Health & Care Professions Council	• None	• Director: Adams Consulting Partners Ltd • Board Member: Care Apprenticeships Board Ltd CIC	• Member: Advisory Panel – Education Committee	• None
Zubir **ALI** Business Registrant (OO)	• Director: Zabir Ali Optical Ltd • Director: Wimborne Optical Ltd • Director: Weymouth Optical Ltd • Director: Romsey Optical Ltd • Director: Lymington Optical Ltd • Director: Wessex Optical Ltd • Director: Uttoxeter Optical Ltd			• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	
Reena Rani **ANAND** Registrant (OO)	• Lecturer in Optometry: University of Hertfordshire • Councillor: College of Optometrists (East Midlands) • Policy committee member: College of Optometrists • Co-Vic Chair, Leicestershire & Rutland LOC • CPD Lead Walsall and Leicestershire & Rutland LOC • Clinical Research Optometrist Tutor and Postgraduate Workshop Coordinator: Aston University • Research Lead: LOCSU • Councillor: AOP membership committee • EDI Committee member: Cardiff University • Lecturer and examiner: Optom Academy-private teaching organisation • Certificate Examiner: Royal College of Ophthalmologists • Locum Optometrist: multiples and independents	•	• Research Committee member: College of Optometrists • DOCET committee member: College of Optometrists	• Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee	• None
Sana **ASIF** Registrant (OO)	• Clinical Lead: Primary Eyecare services • CPD Lead: Inner Southwest London Local Optical Committee • Locum Optometrist	• Member: College of Optometrists • Member: Association of Optometrists	•	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Kay **BAGSHAW** Registrant (DO)	• Exam Invigilator: ABDO • Locum Dispensing Optician	• Member: Association of British Dispensing Opticians	• Optical Skills Tutor: Woodspeen Training • Online Course Tutor: ABDO • Optical Manager: Asda	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Jutinder **BASI** Registrant (DO)	• Director, Welbourne Opticians	• Member: FODO • Member: Association of British Dispensing Opticians	Optical Manager: Specsavers	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None

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		• Member: Chartered Manager's Institute			
Geraldine **BIRKS** Lay Member	• Community Safety Mounted Volunteer and Mounted Search & Rescue Team: Humberside Police and Humberside Fire & Rescue Service. • Clinical Case Examiner and Investigating Committee Chair: General Dental Council • Dental Specialist Advisor: Care Quality Commission • Dental Training and Education Directorate Postgraduate Tutor: NHS England •	• Society for Advancement of Anaesthesiology in Dentistry • Fellow Faculty of Dental Trainers: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh • Member: Royal Society of Public Health • Member: Dental Protection	• EEA and Non-EEA Registration Assessor: General Dental Council • Quality Assurance Educational Inspector of UK Dental schools: General Dental Council • Clinical Contact Caseworker: NHS • NHS Clinical Contact Caseworker: Public Health England and NHS Professionals • Lead Dental Nurse Tutor: York College	• Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee	• None
Gavin **COOPER** Registrant (DO)	• Teacher: School of Optometry, Cardiff University	• Member of Association of British Dispensing Opticians	•	• Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee	•
Helen **COURT** Registrant (OO)	• Optometric Adviser, PSD Scotland • Honorary Fellow - Module lead, MSC Primary Care Ophthalmology, Edinburgh University	• Member, Association of Optometrists	• Ophthalmic Programme Manager: Eye Care Workstream, NHS Scotland • Senior Postgraduate Tutor, NHS Education Scotland, Edinburgh • Research Associate, Institute of Health & Wellbeing, Glasgow University • Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Optometry & Vision Science, Cardiff • Lecturer, School of	• Member: Advisory Panel – Education Committee	• None

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			Optometry & Vision Science, Cardiff		
Raymond **CURRAN** Registrant member (OO)	• Head of Ophthalmic Services, Strategic Planning and Performance Group, DoH, Northern Ireland • Member, Northern Ireland Ophthalmic Qualifications Committee • Task and Finish group member of the Digital Health and Care Policy Directorate of Department of Health NI Artificial Intelligence Steering Group (1. Policy & Governance and 2. Transformation & Innovation).	• Honorary Life Fellow, College of Optometrists • Member, Association of Optometrists	• Council Member and Trustee, College of Optometrists • Member of Senate, Ulster University • Past-President, Northern Ireland Optometric Society • NICE Fellow 2021-23	• Council Member • Member: Audit, Finance and Risk Committee • Member: Registration Committee	• None
Khalid **DALAL** Registrant (CLO)	• External Clinical Advisor: Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (Ophthalmology) • Self-employed Locum Contact Lens Optician	•	• Contact Lens Practitioner: Specsavers • North Lincolnshire Council Public Health Team- Health Protection Practitioner (HPP) • UK Health Security Agency (PHE) - Health Protection Practitioner (Lancashire) • Locum Dispensing Optician (Asda Optical/Specsavers/ Independent Opticians)	• Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee	• None
Gordon **DINGWALL** Registrant (DO)	• Director of Retail Franchise & Property, Boots Opticians	•	•	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None
Dean **DUNNING** Registrant (DO)	• Immediate Past Chair, British and Irish Universities and Colleges of Contact Lens educators (BUCCLE) • Chief Examiner: Contacts Lens Practice: ABDO • Theory and Practical Examiner: ABDO • Head of Professional Qualifications: ABDO	• Member & Fellow: British Contact Lens Association • Member & Fellow: International Association Contact Lens Educators	• Lecturer: Diploma in Contact Lens Practice, Bradford College, ABDO College • Consultant, Johnson and Johnson STEP TCLOD • ispensing Optician and Contact Lens	• Member: Advisory Panel - Education	• None

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			Optician for Specsavers, Boots Opticians, Rayner Opticians in the last 25 years, although not employed in professional practice since 2012 • Programme Leader, Ophthalmic Dispensing, Bradford College • Programme Leader, Contact Lens Certificate, Bradford College		
Kathryn **FOREMAN** Lay Member	• Deputy Chair Assurance & Appointments Committee – General Pharmaceutical Council • Investigations Panel Member – Architects Registration Board • Lay Member Police Misconduct Panels – NW Police & Crime Commissioners	• Law Society (non- practising)	• Non-Executive Director- Primary Care 24 (Merseyside) Ltd • Lay Member Health & Care Professionals Council (ended December 2023) • Associate Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (2022-23)	• Lay Council Member • Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee Member, Audit, Finance and Risk Committee	• None
Lisa **GERSON** Registrant (OO)	• Clinic Tutor: Cardiff University • Observer status: Regional Optical Committee (ROC) meetings across Wales • GOC representative to Optometry Wales	• Member of AOP • Member of College of Optometry	• Chair: Optometry Wales • Member: GOC Hearings Panel • Member/Acting Chair: GOC Investigation Panel • Member: GOC Education Visitor Panel • College Counsellor: College of Optometrists • Trustee: College of	• Registration Committee Chair • Nominations Committee Chair • Council lead for FtP	• None

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			Optometrists • Trustee: AOP • Employee: Ronald Brown Group • Employee: Boots Optician • Primary Care Supervisor: Cardiff University		
Sally **GOSLING** Lay Member	• Lay member, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' Standards Committee • Lay member, Education Committee of General Chiropractic Council (GCC) - reviewer of the regulator's CPD scheme • External Examiner, GCC's test of competence process for overseas-qualified chiropractors • Head of Education Review, Intellectual Property Regulation Board • Education Consultant, Institute of Osteopathy (iO) • Quality assurance education inspector: Social Work England • Revalidation reviewer: General Pharmaceutical Council • Member: Bar Standards Board's advisory panel of experts (APEX), with a focus on quality assurance and competence/CPD • Lay assessor for fitness to practise processes: British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy	• None	• Consultant, British Acupuncture Accreditation Board (BAAB) on apprenticeships • Lay council member: Institute of Osteopathy • Director of education for the College of Optometrists • External adviser to Aston University (advanced practice MSc in eyecare) • External adviser to University of Hertfordshire (pre-reg. MOptom) • Subject matter expert for credentials: NHS England (with wider input to eyecare education and workforce development initiatives) • Adviser: College of Optometrists •	• Member: Advisory Panel - Education	• None
Dan **GREEN** Registrant (DO)	• Regional Lead for Northwest (Consultant) Association of British Dispensing Opticians	•	•	• Member: Advisory Panel - Education	•

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	• Dispensing and Contact Lens Training Manager: Specsavers Opticians				
Kalwant **GREWAL** Lay Member	• Saxon Weald, Member Audit and Risk Committee and Asset Management & Development Committee • PHA Homes Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee • Sapphire Independent Housing Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee • British Acupuncture Council Chair of the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee • Regulatory Advisory Group Independent Chair • Democracy Boundary Commission Cymru Deputy Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee • General Council of the Bar in England and Wales Vice Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee • London Borough of Lewisham Independent Person • Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee • Architects Registration Board, Education Accreditation Panel	• ACCA	• None	• Lay Council Member • Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None
Sarah **JOYCE** Business Representative	• Director of Optometry, Specsavers • NED & Chair, FODO • Disciplinary Panel Member, College of Optometrists • NED: LOCSU	• College of Optometrists	• Superintendent Optometrist, ASDA	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None
Dimple **KUMAR** Registrant (OO)	• Clinical Performance Consultant: Specsavers	•	• Contact Lens Business Manager, Specsavers • Store Director, Specsavers • Optometrist, Specsavers	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Ros **LEVENSON** Lay member	• Chair of The Expert Advisory Group for the OSIRIS B project at Queen Mary University of London • Chair of The SKILL mix-ED Study Steering Committee at St George's University of London/Kingston University.	• None	• Chair of the Patient and Lay Committee (APLC) at the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC)	• Lay Member: Council • Member: Nominations Committee • Member: Standards Committee • Council lead for Thematic Reviews	• None

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Julia **LEWIS** Registrant (DO)	• Dispensing Optician, Optical Development Manager: Boots Opticians	• Member of ABDO	•	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Haseena **LOCKHAT** Lay Member	• Chartered Consultant Clinical Psychologist: NHS, CAMHS, Worcestershire Health and Care Trust (HACT) • Trustee: Midlands Arts Centre	• None	• Partner, Registration Assessor: Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)	• Member: Advisory Panel - Standards	• None
Dan **MCGHEE** Business Representative	• Body Corporate Director, Abbeyfield V.E. Ltd • Director, Essilor Luxottica Optical Retail UKI, Vision Express and David Clulow Opticians • Director, Vision Express • Body Corporate Director, Vision Express UK Joint Venture Business • Non-Executive Director, FODO	• College of Optometrists • BCLA	• None	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies	• None
Dhillon **MEMHI** Registrant (OO)	• Hospital Optometrist, Midland Eye • Locum Optometrist, various independent practices	• AOP • College of Optometrists	• Aviation optometrist CAA-accredited • Hospital Optometrist, Practice Plus Group • Resident Optometrist, Boots Opticians	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	•
Frank **MUNRO** Registrant (OO)	• Chair: Community Low Vision Service Short Life Working Group (CLVSSLWG) • Director Munro Eyecare Limited (T/A Munro Optometrists) • Founder member, Optometry Scotland • Optometric Advisor, NHS Lanarkshire • Lead Optometrist, Glasgow City Health & Social care Partnership • Visiting Lecturer, Glasgow Caledonian University • Visiting Lecturer, Edinburgh University (MSc Ophthalmology programme) • Member, Greater Glasgow & Clyde Prescribing Review Board	• Past President and Honorary Life Fellow, College of Optometrists • Member, Association of Optometrists • Member, Optometry Scotland • Hon Fellow, Association of Dispensing Opticians • Member, British Contact Lens Association	• Past Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Optometric Advisory Committee • Past President, College of Optometrists • Past Chair, Optometry Scotland • Past Chair, Scottish Committee of Optometrists • Past Chair, NHS Education for Scotland Optometry Advisory Board	• Registrant Member: Council • Chair: Education Committee • Member: Audit, Finance and Risk Committee • Member: Investment Committee	• None
Hana **PATEL** RMP	• Medico-legal Expert - Independent Practitioner • External Clinical Advisor: Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (general practice) • Self-employed Locum - General Practitioner • External Clinical Advisor - GMC	•	•	• Member: Advisory Panel – Education Committee	

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	• CQC GP Specialist Advisor • Honorary Lecturer in Digital and Lifelong Learning: University of Kent • Coach & Mentoring Lead: Southeast London Primary Care • NHS England South/NHS England South-East: Senior Appraiser				
Aoife **PRENDERGAST** Lay	• Professional Membership - Fellow of Institute of Employability Professionals • Lay Member Mental Health Tribunals, Mental Health Commission, Ireland • External Examiner Edge Hill University and Anglia Ruskin University	•	• Council Member - Gaisce - The President's Award, Ireland	• Member: Advisory Panel – Registration Committee	
Prof. Hema **RADHAKRISHNAN** Registrant (OO)	• Professor and Member of Senate and the Board of Governors: University of Manchester • Member of Advisory Board: Zeiss Vision group • Research funding and collaboration with Optegra Eye Hospital group and Zeiss Vision Group • Associate Editor, Translational Vision Science and Technology, an Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Journal.	• Member: College of Optometrists- • Member: Association of Optometrists • Principal Fellow: Higher Education Academy • Member- The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology	• Editorial board member Optometry in Practice, a College of Optometrists journal • External examiner- Aston University Undergraduate and Masters Optometry programmes •	• Registrant member: Council • Member: Advisory Panel – Education Committee	
Chloe **ROBSON** Registered Medical Practitioner	• Ophthalmology Trainee: Kent Surrey Sussex Deanery • Optometrist: Visioncare Benenden Healthcare • Ophthalmology Trainee: Maidstone Tunbridge Wells Trust • Foundation Doctor: East Kent Hospitals University NHS Trust	• None	• None	• Member: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Parth **SHAH** Registrant (OO)	• Head of Clinical Performance: Specsavers • Eyecare services organiser: Crisis at Christmas • College of Optometrist Facilitator • Specsavers Pre-Reg Academy Facilitator • Lead WOPEC Assessor	• Freeman: The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers • Member of the College of Optometrists	• Clinical Lead: G. London division • Trustee: College of Optometrists	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None

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			• Independent Practice Director		
Amit **SHARMA** Business Representative	• Director: DW Roberts Optical Limited • Director: Davis Optometrists Ltd • Director: Davis (MH) Limited	• Member of Freedom of The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	• Director: Pinder and Moore Ltd	• Member: Advisory Panel – Companies Committee	• None
Poonam **SHARMA** Registrant (OO)	• Lead Optometry Adviser, NHSE (London); • since 01/04/2017 • Occasional locum optometrist, various high street optical practices; since 1998 • Mentor, Social Mobility Foundation: since 2023 •	• Member of AOP • Member of College of Optometrists	•	• Member: Council • Chair: Companies Committee • Council lead for regulatory reform	• None
William **STOCKDALE** Registrant (DO)	• Director, Optomise Ltd • Own an organisation in the Optical Sector - Optomise Ltd 50% Shareholding.	• Member of ABDO • Member of FODO • Member of ONI	• Own an organisation in the Optical Sector - Telford Opticians 50% Stake • Chair: Optometry Northern Ireland • Member of a consultative body in the Optical Sector Member BSO Ophthalmic Committee. • Non-Executive Director FODO	• Member: Council Member • Member: Nominations Committee • Chair: Advisory Panel – Standards Committee	• None
Ahalya **SUBRAMANIAN** Registrant (OO)	• Employee: Professor, Optometry and Vision Sciences, City St George's, University of London • Bank staff: Optometrist, St Thomas Hospital, London • Charity trustee: Vision Action • Board Member: International Society for Low Vision Research and Rehabilitation • External Examiner: Aston University • Journal & Grant reviewer for various peer reviewed journals • Editorial board member: Scientific Reports • Research funding: Silmo Academy (Feb 2025 to October 2025) • Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Authority	• Freeman: The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers • Fellow of the College of Optometrists	• Trustee Vision for a Nation • External Examiner: College of Optometrists Final Assessment panel • External examiner: Ulster university • Programme reviews at Anglia Ruskin University, University of Plymouth • Past member: Optometry Schools council • External Examiner: University of Manchester	• Member: Advisory Panel - Education	• None

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Nilla **VARSANI** Lay Member	• Fitness to Practise Panel Lay Chair: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Employee: General Medical Council • Lay Chair: General Chiropractic Council • Independent selection panel chair: Judicial Appointments Commission	• None	• Lay Chair: General Chiropractic Council	• Member: Advisory Panel - Standards	• Daughter, Student at Imperial College
Catherine (Cathy) **YELF** Lay Member	• Interim Chair, Action Against Age-relate Macular Degeneration (AAAMD) • Director, Understanding Cardiomyopathy CIC • Trustee, Countess of Brecknock Hospice Trust • Chair of Planning Committee at Longparish, Hampshire Parish Council	•	• CEO of Macular Society • Trustee of the Association of Medical Research Charities.	• Council Member • Member: Advisory Panel - Companies Committee • Member Investment Committee	•