

Hearings Panel Chairs and members – interests declared as of 12 February 2026

| Name | Own interests | | Connected Persons interests |
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| | 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment - ARC Primary Care, Chesterfield, Community Eye Care Service, Lead Optometrist • Employment - Practice Plus Group, North Derbyshire, Lead Optometrist • Shareholdings – Director of IA Ophthalmic Limited | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of charity - Vision Action • Member of South Yorkshire Community Optomery Forum | None declared |
| ALEXANDER , Jackie Anne Lay member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: fitness to practise lay professional case examiner, Social Work England <u>Previous</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: lay panel member, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants | None declared | None declared |
| ANSTEE , Claire DO member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-employed Locum CLO in Anstee & Proctor Optijhncians, Daventry <u>Previous</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-employed Locum CLO in Specsavers, Rushden. | None declared | None declared |
| BARRETT , Ann OO member | <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member AOP • Member College of Optometrists | Close relative: member of Education Visitor Panel |

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| BASRA , Amritpreet OO member | None declared | None declared | None declared |
| BAYLAY , Sarah DO member | Employed: Boots Opticians | Member, ABDO | None declared |
| BENNETT , Nahid Sadr-kazemi DO member | <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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From February 2010, Lecturer at City and Islington College. • From July 2012, ABDO practical examiner. • From 2015, ABDO Theory Examiner. • From 2015, ABDO Practice Visitor. | None declared | None declared |
| CLARK , Caroline OO member | <p>Employed (locum): Kennet Lahti Opticians Member.</p> <p><u>Previous</u> Employed: Boots Opticians</p> | Treasurer, Leeds LOC Member: AOP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |

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| <p>CONNOR, Denise OO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: Boots Opticians • Committee member: Hampshire LOC <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: Specsavers and Heathcall Optical Services | <p>Assessor: College of Optometrists Member: College of Optometrists Member: AOP Treasurer: Hampshire LOC</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>CROOKALL, Ian Lay Chair</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>CROSS, Philip DO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner: In Home Eyecare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: ABDO | <p>Close relative: registered optometrist</p> |
| <p>DEAL, Susan Ann DO Member</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. | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>Dhanji, Tasneem Lay member & Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>DUTTON, Christian OO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><u>Previous</u></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"> • Member: AOP • Fellow (and former Councillor): College of Optometrists • Member: Faculty of Clinical Informatics • Member: European Academy of Optometry and Optics | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>ELLIS, Danielle OO member</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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: AOP • Member: College of Optometrists | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>ENSTON, Nicola Jayne Lay member</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>FIDA, Sarvat OO member</p> | <p><u>Current:</u></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 • Hearings Panel Member of GOC Fitness to Practice Committee • 2019 - present: Registrant Hearings Panel Member of Fitness to GOC Practise Committee <p><u>Previous:</u></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 | <p><u>Professional Memberships:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of College of Optometrists • Member of Association of Optometrists <p><u>Connected Persons Interests:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2023 - present: work alongside a newly appointed member of GOC Investigation Committee, at Asda Opticians • August 2021- present: work alongside a Registrant member of FTP, at LOCSU (Local Optical Committee Support Unit) |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1997 - 1999: Student Optometrist at Bradford University | | |
| Fox, Louise Lay member & Chair | None declared | <u>Connected Persons interests:</u> Anthony Austin Optometrists | |
| GEARY, Vivienne Margaret Lay member | None declared | <u>Professional Memberships:</u> Law Society <u>Connected Persons interests:</u> None declared. | |
| GOH, Daniel OO member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee member, Hospital Optometrists Committee | None declared | None declared |
| GOVIND, Peena OO member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Superintendent Optometrist at Asda Stores Ltd | None declared | None declared |

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| <p>GOW, Louise OO member</p> | <p>Current:</p> <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 <p>Previous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previously employed by GOC on the registration committee and advisory panel until 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered optometrist with the GOC | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>GUDRAY, Maninder OO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Chelmsley Wood) • Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Castle Vale) • Former Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Oxford) | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>GUMBER, Dilraj OO Member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilraj Gumber - Director at Specsavers Melton Mowbray - commenced May 2019 • Dilraj Gumber - Professional Services Consultant - Specsavers Optical Group | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>HAMILTON, Sarah Lay member & Chair</p> | <p><u>Current:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None <p><u>Previous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive Director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Trust. | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |

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| HANSON , Ian Lay member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Investigation Committee Lay Member: Institute of Chartered AccountantsMagistrate: Family Court. | Independent Member: Central Arbitration Committee (CAC) | None declared |
| Hart , Gaon Lay Member & Chair | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-Executive Director, NHS Counter Fraud Authority | None declared | None declared |
| HILL , Lisa Lay Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">None declared | <ul style="list-style-type: none">None declared | None declared |

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| <p>HOWARD, Alexander OO member</p> | <p><u>Current:</u></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 Hospitals Trust). Commenced March 2015. <p><u>Previous:</u></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>Membership: College of Optometrists. Membership: AOP</p> | <p>Close relative: Director, Chesterfield & Matlock Specsavers</p> |
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| <p>JINABHAI, Amit OO member</p> | <p><u>Current:</u></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; • 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><u>Previous:</u></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"> • 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><u>Current:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Tribunal Member: Royal Society of Chartered Suveryors, 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 • 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><u>Previous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Executive director Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, from 2015 to 31 August 2023. | None declared | None declared |

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| <p>KILGANNON, Jane Lay member</p> | <p><u>Current:</u></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 • Legal Adviser: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Legal Lay Member: Charter Case Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons • Legal Adviser: General Dental Council <p><u>Previous:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lay Chair: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Lay Member: Preliminary Investigation Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons | <p><u>Current:</u></p> <p>Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers Bar Council Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians</p> <p><u>Previous:</u></p> <p>Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
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| <p>KIRK, Gaynor OO member</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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Member: Suffolk LOC | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>LEA, Judy OO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-reg assessor: College of Optometrists • Examiner: College of Optometrists • Head of University Engagement: Specsavers Optical Group • Head of Optometry Development: Specsavers <p>Former:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialist optometrist, Royal Stoke University Hospital • Director/shareholder, Longton Specsavers | | <p>Son: Optometrist (Specsavers Uckfield)</p> |
| <p>MAGEE, Annabelle OO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owner and Director Clear View Vision Ltd • Postgraduate Low Vision Assessor Cardiff University | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>MANGAT, Jasheen OO member</p> | <p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employed: Professional Services Manager/Optometrists 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><u>Previous</u></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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: College of Optometrists • Member: Association of Optometrists | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>MCFARLANE, Audrey Marilyn Lay member</p> | <p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Fitness to Practice Panel, General Dental Council <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicitor: Homes England. Employment ended Nov 2023. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Law Society | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>MCKECHIN, Ann Lay member</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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Law Society of Scotland | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>MCLAREN, Mark Lay member</p> | <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>NAIK, Asmita Lay member</p> | <p>No interests to declare</p> | | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>Nathan, Sara Lay Member & Chair</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>NELSON, Leigh DO member</p> | <p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMPLOYMENT: Optilase Clinic (Laser Eye Surgery) Belfast. • Occasional Locum DO work in the future within Specsavers practices, Newtownards and Bangor (Northern Ireland). <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From 2001 – October 2022: Shareholder and Retail Director and Dispensing Optician in Specsavers, Newtownards (GOC registered optical practice). | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>O’ROURKE, Gemma OO member</p> | <p><u>Current</u></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). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: AOP • Member: College of Optometrists | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>PERRY, Gillian (Jill) DO member</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>PILKINGTON, Nigel Lay member</p> | <p>No interests to declare</p> | | <p>None declared</p> |

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| <p>PINNINGTON, Simon DO member</p> | <p><u>Current</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-employed locum Dispensing Optician / Contact Lens Optician, Specsavers Group <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director and 50% shareholder, Hounslow Visionplus Ltd and Hounslow Specsavers Ltd (until May 2019) | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>Powell, Clive Lay member & Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Performers List Decision Panel | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>REID, Lesley Jane DO member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director: Oakmead Opticians Ltd., Chislehurst, Kent. From 2019 to the present. Committee Member: Bexley, Bromley, and Greenwich Local Optical Council. <p><u>Previous</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GOC Case Examiner, FTP, 2014 – 2023. Investigation Committee Member, GOC, 2019 – 2023. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: ABDO. From 1991 to the present. | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>RICHARDS, Mark Lay member</p> | <p>No interests to declare</p> | | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>ROSKILLY, Diane Lay member</p> | <p>No interests to declare</p> | | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>Smith, Adrian Lay member & Chair</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 | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |

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| SMITH, Victoria Lay member | No interests to declare | None declared | None declared |
| STREET, Adrian DO member | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employed: HO2 Management, part of The Hakim Group <p>Former:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director: F Norville Ltd trading as Norville Opticians | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member: ABDO board Former Member: FODO board | None declared |
| SUMMERSKILL, Ben Lay member | None declared | None declared | None declared |
| TAYLOR, Ian DO member | <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 | |
| TETLOW, Carolyn 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) | | None declared |

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| <p>THEOPHILUS, Kalpana OO member</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>Former</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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: AOP | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>THOMAS, Kelly Legal Adviser</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment: Salaried Partner at Tuckers Criminal Defence Solicitors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Solicitors' Regulation Authority, Law Society. | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>TWEED, Joy Lay Member</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair, Local Optical Committee Support Unit. Appointed June 2022 | <p>None declared</p> | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>Wareham, Gerard Lay Member & Chair</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None declared | <p>None declared</p> |
| <p>WEBSTER, Amanda Jane Lay member</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 & Head of Professional Development and Training Principle at Harrison-Drury Solicitors. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair: Red Rose Recovery | <p>None declared</p> |

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| WORTLEY, Julia Lay Member & Chair | • None declared | None declared | None declared |
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