

Hearings Panel Chairs and members – interests declared as of 12 August 2025

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	• 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	• Member of charity - Vision Action • Member of South Yorkshire Community Optomery Forum	None declared
ALEXANDER , Jackie Anne Lay member	• Employed: fitness to practise lay professional case examiner, Social Work England <u>Previous</u> • Employed: lay panel member, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	None declared	None declared
AMES , Jessica DO member	• Employed: Eye Clinic Opticians	• Member: ABDO¹	None declared
ANSTEE , Claire DO member	• Self-employed Locum CLO in Anstee & Proctor Opticians, Daventry <u>Previous</u> • Self-employed Locum CLO in Specsavers, Rushden.	None declared	None declared

¹ [Association of British Dispensing Opticians](#)

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BARRETT , Ann OO member	• Associate Specialist Optometrist: Leeds Teaching Hospital Trust • Associate Specialist Optometrist: Applesons Optometrists / NHS Wetherby Eye Clinic - Optometrist: Optivu eyecare Farsley Opticians	• 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	Employed: Boots Opticians	Member, ABDO	None declared
BENNETT , Nahid Sadr-kazemi DO member	• 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	• 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	Employed (locum): Kennet Lahti Opticians Member. <u>Previous</u> Employed: Boots Opticians	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

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CONNOR , Denise OO member	- Employed: Boots Opticians - Committee member: Hampshire LOC <u>Previous</u> - Employed: Specsavers and Heathcall Optical Services	Assessor: College of Optometrists Member: College of Optometrists Member: AOP Treasurer: Hampshire LOC	None declared
COWEN , Claire DO member	None declared	Member: ABDO Director: Silverman Opticians Ltd.	None declared
CROOKALL , Ian Lay Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
CROSS , Philip DO member	Partner: In Home Eyecare	Member: ABDO	Close relative: registered optometrist
CURTIS , Paul Lay Member	- Lay Member: Disciplinary Panel Judicial Conduct Investigation Office - Lay Chair: MPTS²	None declared	None declared
DEAL , Susan Ann DO Member	- 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

² [Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service](#)

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DUTTON , Christian OO member	- 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 <u>Previous</u> - Clinic supervisor/lecturer: University of Portsmouth (September to December 2018) - Optometrist (locum): Boots Opticians - Optometrist (resident): ASDA Opticians (June 2002 – December 2016)	- Member: AOP - Fellow (and former Councillor): College of Optometrists - Member: Faculty of Clinical Informatics - Member: European Academy of Optometry and Optics	None declared
ELLIS , Danielle OO member	- 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	- Member: AOP - Member: College of Optometrists	None declared
ENSTON , Nicola Jayne Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared

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FIDA, Sarvat OO member	<u>Current:</u> • 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 <u>Previous:</u> • 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	<u>Professional Memberships:</u> • Member of College of Optometrists • Member of Association of Optometrists <u>Connected Persons Interests:</u> • 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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	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	Committee member, Hospital Optometrists Committee	None declared	None declared
GOHIL, Kamlesh OO member	- Assessor and Examiner: College of Optometrists - Director & shareholder: Specsavers (Ealing) - Director & shareholder: Specsavers (West Ealing) - Director & shareholder: Specsavers (Chiswick) - Lead Assessor: WOPEC - Committee: Ealing & Hounslow LOC - Former Director & shareholder: Specsavers (Acton) – ended March 2021	- Member: BCLA - Fellow: College of Optometrists	None declared

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GOVIND, Peena OO member	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	Registered optometrist with the GOC	None declared
GUDRAY, Maninder OO member	- Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Chelmsley Wood) - Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Castle Vale) - Former Ophthalmic Director: Specsavers (Oxford)	None declared	None declared
GUMBER, Dilraj OO Member	- Dilraj Gumber - Director at Specsavers Melton Mowbray - commenced May 2019 - Dilraj Gumber - Professional Services Consultant - Specsavers Optical Group	None declared	None declared

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HAMILTON , Sarah Lay member & Chair	<u>Current:</u> • None <u>Previous:</u> • Non-Executive Director, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Trust.	None declared	None declared
HANSON , Ian Lay member	• Investigation Committee Lay Member: Institute of Chartered Accountants • Magistrate: Family Court.	Independent Member: Central Arbitration Committee (CAC)	None declared
Hart , Gaon Lay Member & Chair	• Non-Executive Director, NHS Counter Fraud Authority	None declared	None declared
HAYES , Clare DO Member	• Employed: Aston University • External Advisor: ABDO • Examiner: ABDO	• Member: ABDO	None declared
HILL , Lisa Lay Member	• None declared	• None declared	None declared
HOQUE , Ubaidul Lay Member	<u>Current:</u> • Lay panel member: Employment Tribunal • Lay Panel member: Social Security Tribunal • Specialist Podiatrist: North East London NHS Foundation Trust <u>Previous:</u> • Registrant panel member: Health & Care Professions Council	None declared	

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HOWARD, Alexander OO member	<u>Current:</u> • 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. <u>Previous:</u> • 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.	Membership: College of Optometrists. Membership: AOP	Close relative: Director, Chesterfield & Matlock Specsavers
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JINABHAI, Amit OO member	<u>Current:</u> • 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 <u>Previous:</u>	• 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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	• 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	<u>Current:</u> • 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 <u>Previous:</u> • Non-Executive director Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, from 2015 to 31 August 2023.	None declared	None declared

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KILGANNON, Jane Lay member	<u>Current:</u> • 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 <u>Previous:</u> • Lay Chair: Nursing and Midwifery Council • Lay Member: Preliminary Investigation Committee, Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons	<u>Current:</u> Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers Bar Council Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians <u>Previous:</u> Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development	None declared
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KIRK , Gaynor OO member	• Employed, Specsavers Newmarket • Optometric Clinical Advisor, NHS England East • Supervising Optometrist and Research Assistant, Anglia Ruskin University • Examiner, College of Optometrists OSCE exams	• Former Member: Suffolk LOC	None declared
LEA , Judy OO member	• Pre-reg assessor: College of Optometrists • Examiner: College of Optometrists • Head of University Engagement: Specsavers Optical Group • Head of Optometry Development: Specsavers Former: • Specialist optometrist, Royal Stoke University Hospital • Director/shareholder, Longton Specsavers		Son: Optometrist (Specsavers Uckfield)

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MacMILLAN, Dr Ewen Sorley OO member	<u>Current:</u> • Optometry Clinical Lead: BSW ICB (BANES, Swindon & Wiltshire Integrated Care Board) • Clinical Optometric Adviser: NHS England(South-West) • Assessor and Examiner: College of Optometrists • Director: Orbital Eyewear Limited <u>Previous:</u> • Panel Member (Opticians Panel of Assessors), The Health and Social Care Professionals Council (CORU), Republic of Ireland. (Until June 2023)	• Member: AOP • Member: College of Optometrists • Fellow: American Academy of Optometry	None declared
MAGEE, Annabelle OO member	• Owner and Director Clear View Vision Ltd • Postgraduate Low Vision Assessor Cardiff University	None declared	None declared

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MANGAT, Jasheen OO member	Current • Employed: Professional Services Manager/Optometrlist 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 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	• Member: College of Optometrists • Member: Association of Optometrists	None declared
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MCEWEN, Hermione Lay Member & Chair	• Tribunal Judge: Social Entitlement Chamber • Panel Chair, Social Work England • Director: TortureID Ltd. • Lay Member: Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service (MPTS) <u>Previous</u> • Lay Partner: Health Care Professions Council Tribunal Service (resigned 2020) • Solicitor, Equality & Human Rights Commission	• Member: Law Society	None declared
MCFARLANE, Audrey Marilyn Lay member	<u>Current</u> • Member: Fitness to Practice Panel, General Dental Council <u>Previous</u> • Solicitor: Homes England. Employment ended Nov 2023.	• Member: Law Society	None declared
MCKECHIN, Ann Lay member	• 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)	• Member: Law Society of Scotland	None declared

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MCLAREN , Mark Lay member	<u>Previous</u> - 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
NAIK , Asmita Lay member	No interests to declare		None declared
Nathan , Sara Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
NASRULLAH , Sanna OO member	<u>Current</u> - Clinical Instructor: Aston University <u>Previous</u> - Employed: Boots Opticians	- Member: AOP - Member: College of Optometrists	None declared
NELSON , Leigh DO member	<u>Current</u> - EMPLOYMENT: Optilase Clinic (Laser Eye Surgery) Belfast. - Occasional Locum DO work in the future within Specsavers practices, Newtownards and Bangor (Northern Ireland). <u>Previous</u> - From 2001 – October 2022: Shareholder and Retail Director and Dispensing Optician in Specsavers, Newtownards (GOC registered optical practice).	None declared	None declared

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O'ROURKE , Gemma OO member	<u>Current</u> 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).	- Member: AOP - Member: College of Optometrists	None declared
PERRY, Gillian (Jill) DO member	None declared	None declared	None declared
PILKINGTON , Nigel Lay member	No interests to declare		None declared
PINNINGTON , Simon DO member	<u>Current</u> - Self-employed locum Dispensing Optician / Contact Lens Optician, Specsavers Group <u>Previous</u> - Director and 50% shareholder, Hounslow Visionplus Ltd and Hounslow Specsavers Ltd (until May 2019)	None declared	None declared
Powell , Clive Lay member & Chair	Chair Performers List Decision Panel	None declared	None declared

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REID , Lesley Jane DO member	• 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.	• Member: ABDO. From 1991 to the present.	None declared
RICHARDS , Mark Lay member	No interests to declare		None declared
ROBERTS , Claire OO member	• Director: Claire Roberts Optical Services Ltd • Employed: NHS England Optometric Adviser and Local Eye Health Network Chair • Employed: NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board	• Member: College of Optometrists • Member: AOP	None declared
ROBERTSON-RICKARD , Alice Lay Member	• Judge: First-tier Tribunal, Social Entitlement Chamber • Judge: First-tier Tribunal, Health, Education and Social Care Chamber • Member: Fitness to Practise Committee, GDC³ • Member: Fitness to Practise Committee, GPhC⁴ • Member: Fitness to Practise Committee, NMC Former: • Member: Appeals Panel, HFEA⁵		None declared
ROSKILLY , Diane Lay member	No interests to declare		None declared

³ [General Dental Council](#)

⁴ [General Pharmaceutical Council](#)

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⁵ [Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority](#)

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SHAW , Philippa OO member	• Examiner and Assessor: College of Optometrists • Faculty member: Johnson and Johnson Vision Care Institute • Training Adviser: Directorate of Optometric Continuing Education and Training (DOCET) • Associate Lecturer: University of West England	• Faculty Member: Oxford Medical • Member: AOP • Member: College of Optometrists • Member: BCLA • Former Member: NOAA⁶ • Former Member: Vision Aid Overseas	None declared
Smith , Adrian Lay member & Chair	• 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	No interests to declare	None declared	None declared
STREET , Adrian DO member	• Employed: HO2 Management, part of The Hakim Group Former: • Director: F Norville Ltd trading as Norville Opticians	• Member: ABDO board • Former Member: FODO board	None declared
SUMMERSKILL , Ben Lay member	None declared	None declared	None declared
TAYLOR , Ian DO member	• 50% shareholder and director, Specs2U Ltd • 50% shareholder and director, MBOS Ltd	None declared	None declared
TELFER , Jacqueline Lay Member	None declared	None declared	

⁶ [National Optometric Advisors' Association](#)

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TETLOW , Carolyn Lay member	• 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
THEOPHILUS , Kalpana OO member	• Gateway Assessor: Citizens Advice Bureau • Examiner/Assessor: The College of Optometrists • Visiting Lecturer/Tutor Practitioner: University of Hertfordshire Former • Employed: Optometrist, Boots Opticians • Member: Fitness to Practise Hearings Panel, University of Hertfordshire • Employed: Senior Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire	• Member: AOP	None declared
THOMAS , Kelly Legal Adviser	• Employment: Salaried Partner at Tuckers Criminal Defence Solicitors.	• Member: Solicitors' Regulation Authority, Law Society.	None declared
TWEED , Joy Lay Member	• Chair, Local Optical Committee Support Unit. Appointed June 2022	None declared	None declared

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VAUGHAN , John Lay member	<u>Current</u> - Independent Panel Member, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) - Lay Panel Member: Bar Tribunal Adjudication Service (BTAS) <u>Previous</u> - Strategy Director (Interim), Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust - Executive Reviewer and Specialist Advisor, Care Quality Commission - Education Associate, General Dental Council		None declared
Wareham , Gerard Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
Watson , Tehniat Lay Member & Chair	None declared	None declared	None declared
WEBSTER , Amanda Jane 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	None declared

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WHEAT , Jayne Lay Member & Chair	<u>Current:</u> • Legally Qualified Chair/Legal Assessor: MPTS • Lay Adjudicator (Chair): Social Work England Fitness to Practise Panel • Legal Assessor, Nursing and Midwifery Council. • Legal Adviser, General Dental Council. <u>Previous:</u> • Panellist: BACP⁷ • Fee paid Judge, Employment Tribunal • Fee paid Judge, First Tier Tribunal - Social Entitlement Chamber		None declared
WHITE , Graham Lay Member & Chair	• Chair: Disciplinary/Regulatory/ Appeals Committees, ACCA⁸ • Chair: HCPTS • Judicial Member/Chair: Parole Board • Legally Qualified Chair/ Legal Assessor: MPTS • Member: HS2 and Heathrow Expansion Compensation Panels Former • Chair: NHS Resolution Primary Care Appeals Panels	• Member: Law Society	None declared
WORTLEY , Julia Lay Member & Chair	• None declared	None declared	None declared

⁷ [British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy](#)

⁸ [Association of Chartered Certified Accountants](#)