



Secretary of State for Transport's Honorary Medical Advisory Panel on Driving and Visual Disorders

Declaration of Interests Revised March 2025

Name: Dr C Howard (Chair)

Clinical Interests: Stroke Specialist Research Orthoptist / Clinical Research Fellow

Professional Associates: British and Irish Orthoptic Society (member and Stroke and Neuro Rehab Clinical Advisory Group steering committee member). Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (member). Society for Research in Rehabilitation (member). UK Neuro Ophthalmology Society (member).

Academic/Research: Honorary Research Fellow (University of Liverpool). Honorary Research Fellow (University of Liverpool). Co-applicant and lead PI for Scanning Eye Training as Rehabilitation Choice for Hemianopia (SEARCH) research trial (University of Liverpool). Co-applicant for Spatial Inattention Grasping Therapy (SIGHT) for rehabilitation of spatial neglect post-stroke (University of east Anglia).

Commercial: None

Other: Community for Allied Health Professions Research (North West consortia lead and Greater Manchester co-lead).



Name: Professor R Anderson

Clinical Interests: Professor of Optometry and Vision Science, Ulster University, Coleraine, Northern Ireland (90%). NIHR Faculty member and Hon. Professor, NIHR BRC Moorfields Eye Hospital & UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, London (10%).

Professional Associates: Life Fellow: College of Optometrists. Member: Association of Optometrists.

Academic/Research: Editorial Board – Current Eye Research. Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee, International Glaucoma Association. Member, Northern Ireland Clinical Research Network (NICRN) Management Board.

Commercial: Co-inventor- Moorfields Acuity Chart. International Patent: “A method and system for detecting visual field deterioration as a means of diagnosing early-stage visual disorders.” Expert Witness Pool, General Optical Council. Current funding: MRC Development Pathway Funding Scheme (DPFS) programme grant. Chair of Steering Committee (remunerated) for Medical Retina Delphi study funded by Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd.

Other: None

Name: Dr L Hepworth

Clinical Interests: Stroke Specialist Orthoptic Research Fellow

Professional Associates: British and Irish Orthoptic Society - member, deputy research director and member of Stroke and Neuro Rehab Clinical Advisory Group steering committee. UK Neuro Ophthalmology Society – member. Society for Research in Rehabilitation – member.

Academic/Research: Senior Lecturer - University of Liverpool. Post-doctoral fellowship (IVIS II study) - Stroke Association. Small grant award (OCS-VI



study) - Fight for Sight. SEARCH trial - Stroke Association/Fight for Sight - TMG member. OSSBI study – NIHR. DRIVE study – Research England/University of Liverpool. VISA+ study – Stroke Association.

Commercial: Second supervisor for PhD candidate funded by Haag Streit.

Other: UK Stroke Forum committee member. European Stroke Organisation Vision guidelines - committee member. Council for Allied Health Professions Research – steering committee member.

Name: Mrs C Butcher

Clinical Interests: Specialist Orthoptist

Professional Associates: British and Irish Orthoptic Society (BIOS) Member of BIOS. Visual Processing Difficulties Group. Vision Screening Clinical Advisory Group. Paediatric Ophthalmology Group. Stroke and Neuro rehabilitation Group. Neuro-Orthoptic and Ophthalmology Clinical Advisory Group.

Academic/Research: Clinical tutor for Orthoptic undergraduates on clinical placement.

Commercial: None

Other: None



Name: Mr I Rodrigues

Clinical Interests: NHS Consultant, sub-specialising in glaucoma and cataract surgery.

Professional Associates: Fellow of Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

Academic/Research: Visiting Lecturer at City University London, Division of Optometry and Visual Sciences. Examiner for Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. Investigator in glaucoma research trials (mainly involving surgical treatments for glaucoma).

Commercial: Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in Private Practice. Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Community Cataract Service, Independent Health Group. Medico-legal Expert Witness. Member of advisory board and consultancy for Altacor/Nordic Pharma, Apperta Foundation. Advisor to Elios Vision, iSTAR Medical. Educational support for Santen and Scope.

Other: Member of the OpenEyes Foundation Design Authority, Glaucoma Subspecialty Clinical Group. Deputy Clinical Safety Officer for Apperta Foundation.

Name: Ms M Karp (Lay Member)

Clinical Interests: None

Professional Associates: None



Academic/Research: None

Commercial: None

Other: Lay Member General Optical Council, Fitness to Practise Committee. Tribunal Member Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service. Chair, Fitness to Practise, Social Work England. Lay Member Royal Institute for Chartered Surveyors Regulatory Tribunal Lay Member Exceptional Circumstances Body (Dept for Education NI).

Name: Dr L Southee (Lay Member)

Clinical Interests: None

Professional Associates: Not Applicable

Academic/Research: Not Applicable

Commercial: None

Other: Patient's Voices representative for the Royal College of Anaesthetists. Lay representative for the Faculty of Pain medicine at The Royal College of Anaesthetists.