



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

### Declaration of Interests Revised October 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 Manchester). 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). Co-applicant for DVLA/DVA Regulation Information specific to Vision: Exploring health professions practices (DRIVE) study (University of Liverpool). Lead applicant (NIHR funded advanced fellowship) for **MOtion discrimination Training for vlsual field IOss after BraiN injury (MOTION) study**.

**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. Community Cataract Service, Independent Health Group.

**Professional Associates:** Fellow of Royal College of Ophthalmologists. Member of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists Informatics and Audit Sub-committee. Co-chair of SNOMED International Ophthalmology Clinical Reference Group. Member of the NHS England Outcome and Registries Programme Ophthalmology Clinical Steering Group.

**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 Medico-legal Expert Witness. Member of advisory board and consultancy for Altacor/Nordic Pharma, Apperta Foundation. Advisor to Elios Vision, iSTAR Medical, Sight Sciences. Educational support for Santen and Scope.

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

**Name:** Mr Manoj Parulekar

**Clinical Interests:** None

**Professional Associates:** None



**Academic/Research:** None

**Commercial:** None

**Other:** None

**Name:** Mr Michael Horler

**Clinical Interests:** None

**Professional Associates:** None

**Academic/Research:** None

**Commercial:** None

**Other:** None

**Name:** Ms Rukaiya Anwar

**Clinical Interests:** None

**Professional Associates:** None



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**Commercial:** None

**Other:** None