

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

Declaration of Interests Revised March 2026

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 visual field loss 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: Senior Lecturer in Orthoptics/Honorary Consultant Stroke Orthoptic

Professional Associates: British and Irish Orthoptic Society - member, interim 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. 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: Senior optometrist with specialist interests in glaucoma, medical retina, low vision, independent prescribing, and enhanced optometric pathways. Clinical leadership focused on service integration, quality improvement, workforce development, and safe delivery of community-based eye care services.

Professional Associates: Clinical Director (Optometry), Cardiff and Vale University Health Board; All Wales Optometric Training Lead, Health Education

and Improvement Wales. Education Visitor Panelist and Assessor of Non-UK Registration Applications for the General Optical Council. Facilitator, Content Writer, Expert Witness, Chair of Appeals Panel, and Low Vision Subject Matter Expert for the College of Optometrists. Lead Assessor for Wales Optometry Postgraduate Education Centre. Member of the Association of Optometrists, British Contact Lens Association, Glaucoma UK, and the College of Optometrists.

Academic/Research: PhD candidate at Anglia Ruskin University. Active involvement in postgraduate education, training, and professional standards.

Commercial: No direct commercial interests to declare. Previous time-limited consultancy roles have concluded and do not represent an ongoing financial interest.

Other: Board member of the UK Certificate of Visual Impairment (College of Optometrists), member of the Diabetes Strategic Programme Board (NHS Wales), and participant in multiple national advisory and quality boards relating to optometric reform and patient safety.

Name: Dr J Self

Clinical Interests: None

Professional Associates: None

Academic/Research: None

Commercial: None

Other: None