

# Helen Dearden



## Biography:

Having graduated from Manchester University with a degree in Law and Accounting, Helen qualified as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Advisor and has had a long career in finance and tax. After many years as Head of Tax and Legal Services at the Grosvenor Estate Helen has built up a diverse executive and non-executive portfolio. Latterly her focus has been on assisting businesses, including charities and public bodies such as HM Revenue and Customs, with strategy, governance and risk management. Helen is the independent Member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Current appointments include:

- Finance Director of Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Limited
- Finance Director of Telco Sensors Limited
- Employers' Panel Member NEST
- Independent Member of Audit and Risk Committee and Independent Member of Remuneration Committee General Optical Council
- Governing Body Member responsible for Governance and non-clinical Vice Chair Liverpool CCG. Also LCCG Freedom to Speak Up Guardian
- Position with the Cabinet Office

## Declarations of interest, gifts and hospitality

**Name: Helen Dearden**

**Independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee**

I am required to complete and regularly update a declaration of interests form to register my financial and other interests that could potentially conflict with my GPhC role above or subject my appointment to disqualification.

I have provided an up to date list of my interests below. These include:

- financial interests – direct
- financial interests – indirect and relating closely to GPhC activity
- non-financial interests
- interests of those close to me –any financial and non-financial interests of close family members and people living with me that could be thought of as relevant to GPhC activity
- declarations of any grounds that subject my appointment to disqualification

I am aware that, in addition to providing this list, I am also required to declare any interests at the start of any GPhC meeting where any particular interest conflicts with some or all of the business to be discussed at that meeting.

### Declarations of interest:

**Member of ICAEW and CIOT**

**NB other directorships held but none that conflict, could potentially or could be perceived to give rise to a conflict of interest so not declared according to current policy.**

### Declarations of gifts and hospitality:

**None**

**Declarations of grounds that could subject my appointment to disqualification:**

As part of the application process to become an Audit and Risk Committee member I understand that I am required to inform the GPhC of declarations that could disqualify me.

By signing below, I confirm that the following criteria which could lead to my disqualification from membership of the Audit and Risk Committee do not apply.

I confirm that I have not:

- been convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or deception in the United Kingdom which is not spent;
- been convicted of an offence in the United Kingdom which resulted in a prison sentence and which is not spent;
- been removed from office as a charity trustee or trustee of a charity;
- been removed from office as the chair, or a member, convenor or director, of any public body on the grounds that it was not in the interests of that body that I continued to hold that office;
- been adjudged bankrupt and have not been discharged; or had my estate sequestered;
- been subject to proceedings for debt;
- been disqualified from acting as a Company Director;
- been included by the Disclosure and Barring Service in a barred list or the Scottish Ministers in the children's list or the adults' list;
- been subject to any investigation or proceedings concerning my fitness to practise by any licensing body, where the GPhC is satisfied that my membership of the Audit and Risk Committee would be liable to undermine public confidence in the regulation of registered pharmacy premises, pharmacists or pharmacy technicians; or
- been convicted of an offence outside the United Kingdom where the GPhC is satisfied that my membership of the Audit and Risk Committee would be liable to undermine public confidence in the regulation of registered pharmacy premises, pharmacists or pharmacy technicians.

Signed.....*Helen Dearden* .....

**Statement of truth:**

I believe that the declarations made in this document are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed *Helen Dearden*..... Date 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.....

