

Julian Jackson appointed as Chairman of the IC Oversight Board

Widely respected advocate for eye research (and Senior Adviser to Fight for Sight) takes on key role with new regulator

The Association for Independent Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians (AIO) announced today that Julian Jackson has been appointed as Chairman of the IC Oversight Board, the regulator for the new Independents Code known as IC.

IC which will start to appear on the High Street from September 2016 will be the quality mark of distinction by which Independent practices which provide excellent eye care will be identified. IC sets out minimum standards for Code subscribers and the IC Oversight Board is charged with ensuring that those practices live up to those standards. The Board will also maintain the register of IC Subscribers to enable health care professionals and the general public to identify the IC subscriber practice nearest to them.

Julian Jackson said 'I am delighted to take on this new role for the IC Oversight Board which will play a key role in ensuring that the IC quality mark can be relied upon by the general public. It is all about long term eye health and promoting the role that Independent Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians play in delivering this to their patients. It is a cause I care passionately about.'

Peter Warren, Chairman of AIO commented 'We are absolutely delighted that Julian has agreed to take on the role of Chairman of the IC Oversight Board. He not only brings a wealth of experience, but he is dedicated to improving the eye health of the nation which is absolutely core to the purpose of the IC.'

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