

**BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL**

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F(23)21

AND

PRIYAL PATEL (01-24061)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

Take notice that an inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council.

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **2 July – 12 July 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Priyal Patel** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

24 April 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Priyal Patel (01-24061), a registered Optometrist:

1. On 1 May 2021, you attended Kings Opticians [redacted], where you were a locum optometrist, while under the influence of alcohol

And by virtue of the facts set out in allegation 1 above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

2. You [redacted] as set out at Schedule A.

And by virtue of the facts set out in allegation 2 above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of [redacted].

Schedule A (not for publication)

- i. [redacted]

Committee Members: Ms Rachel O’Connell (Chair)
Mr Kevin Connolly (Lay)
Ms Vivienne Geary (Lay)
Ms Ann Barrett (Optometrist)
Ms Gemma O’Rourke (Optometrist)

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