

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

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F(24)04

AND

AITEEQ ASHRAF (01-28601)

**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 commence at 9:30am on **Monday 05 August – Friday 16 August 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 **Ateeq Ashraf** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Louise Hall
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

22 March 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Mr Ateeq Ashraf (01-28601), a registered Optometrist, whilst you were working for Specsavers [redacted] and Specsavers [redacted]:

1) Between 20 July 2019 and 21 September 2019 (inclusive), you completed eye examinations in less than 12 minutes for:

a. one or more patients listed in Schedule A, namely:

- i. Patient A1,
- ii. Patient A2,
- iii. Patient A3,
- iv. Patient A4,
- v. Patient A5,
- vi. Patient A6,
- vii. Patient A7,
- viii. Patient A8,
- ix. Patient A10,
- x. Patient A11,
- xi. Patient A12,
- xii. Patient A13,
- xiii. Patient A14,
- xiv. Patient A15,
- xv. Patient A16,
- xvi. Patient A17,
- xvii. Patient A18,
- xviii. Patient A19,
- xix. Patient A20,
- xx. Patient A21,
- xxi. Patient A22,
- xxii. Patient A23,
- xxiii. Patient A24,
- xxiv. Patient A27,

b. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule B, namely:

- i. Patient B1,
- ii. Patient B3,
- iii. Patient B4,
- iv. Patient B5,
- v. Patient B6,
- vi. Patient B7,
- vii. Patient B8,
- viii. Patient B9,
- ix. Patient B10,
- x. Patient B11,
- xi. Patient B13,

- xii. Patient B15,
 - xiii. Patient B16,
 - xiv. Patient B17,
 - c. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule C, namely:
 - i. Patient C5,
 - ii. Patient C19,
 - iii. Patient C21,
 - iv. Patient C22,
 - d. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule D, namely:
 - i. Patient D3,
 - ii. Patient D7,
 - iii. Patient D11,
 - iv. Patient D13,
 - v. Patient D16,
 - vi. Patient D18;
- 2) You failed to allow sufficient time to conduct adequate and/or complete examinations on some or all of the patients listed in paragraph 1(a) and/or 1(b) and/or 1(c) and/or 1(d);
- 3) The eye examinations you conducted for some or all of the patients listed in paragraph 1(a) and/or 1(b) and/or 1(c) and/or 1(d) were incomplete and/or performed to an inadequate standard;
- 4) On 20 July 2019, you failed to reach an adequate standard in performing and/or recording eye examinations in relation to one or more of the patients below, in that you failed to undertake and / or record:
 - a. visual fields for Patient A4,
 - b. in relation to Patient A12:
 - i. measurements of intraocular pressure,
 - ii. visual fields,
 - c. visual fields for Patient A18;
- 5) On 27 July 2019, you failed to reach an adequate standard in performing and/or recording eye examinations in relation to one or more of the patients below, in that you failed to undertake and / or record:
 - a. the measurement of intraocular pressure in relation to Patient B8,
 - b. visual fields in relation to Patient B6;
- 6) On 14 September 2019, you failed to reach an adequate standard in performing and/or recording eye examinations in relation to one or more of the patients below, in that you failed to undertake and/or record:
 - a. measurement of the intraocular pressure in relation to Patient C2,
 - b. measurement of the intraocular pressure in relation to Patient C9;

- 7) Between 20 July 2019 and 21 September 2019 you failed to adequately undertake the measurement of and / or accurately record the measurement of basic binocular vision in relation to:
- a. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule A,
 - b. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule B,
 - c. one or more of the following patients in Schedule C:
 - i. C1,
 - ii. C2,
 - iii. C3,
 - iv. C4,
 - v. C5,
 - vi. C6,
 - vii. C7,
 - viii. C10,
 - ix. C11,
 - x. C12,
 - xi. C13
 - xii. C14,
 - xiii. C15,
 - xiv. C18,
 - xv. C19,
 - xvi. C20,
 - xvii. C21,
 - xviii. C22,
 - xix. C23,
 - d. one or more of the patients listed in Schedule D;
- 8) Between 20 July 2019 and 21 September 2019 on more than one occasion you failed to keep patient-tailored records in that you used the same entries across multiple records, including but not limited to:
- a. cover testing,
 - b. pupil reactions,
 - c. internal eye examinations,
 - d. flashes and floaters,
 - e. symptoms,
 - f. reasons for visit.

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

Schedule A
[redacted]

Schedule B
[redacted]

Schedule C
[redacted]

Schedule D
[redacted]

Committee Members: Pamela Ormerod (Chair)
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