

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

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**F(24)40**

**AND**

**RAVI BHOJWANI - (01-18000)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 **Wednesday 07 May – Friday 16 May 2025** 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 **Ravi Bhojwani** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Taz Chisango  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**26 March 2025**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Ravi Bhojwani (01-18000), a registered optometrist whilst employed at [redacted]:

1. On or around 1 September 2022 you failed to make a referral in respect of suspected glaucoma for Patient B when it was indicated to do due to the appearance of the optic discs.
2. On or around 14 August 2022 you failed to
  - a. assess, adequately or at all, Patient C's maculas in that you did not:
    - i. undertake an OCT scan; and/or
    - ii. use an Amsler chart;
  - b. provide any, or any adequate, lifestyle advice to Patient C;
  - c. provide any, or any adequate, safety netting advice to Patient C;
  - d. measure Patient C's visual acuity;
  - e. record Patient C's visual acuity;
3. On or around 29 July 2022 you failed:
  - a. to identify vascular changes present in Patient D's eyes;
  - b. to refer Patient D to his General Practitioner for a blood pressure assessment.
4. On or around 24 June 2022 you failed to obtain an adequate history in relation to Patient F's diabetes in that you did not establish:
  - a. how long Patient F had been diagnosed with diabetes;
  - b. how well it was controlled;
  - c. whether Patient F was attending diabetic screening appointments.
5. On or around 20 May 2022 you failed to:
  - a. retest Patient I's intra ocular pressures; and/or
  - b. to make a referral in respect of Patient I's intra ocular pressure results when it was indicated to do so;
  - c. advise Patient I of the examination findings consistent with age related macula disease;
  - d. provide any, or any adequate, safety netting advice to Patient I;
6. On or around 21 May 2022 you failed to:
  - a. identify a haemorrhage at Patient K's left optic disc;
  - b. make a referral in respect of the haemorrhage at Patient K's left optic disc when it was indicated to do so;
7. On or around 19 March 2022 you failed to:
  - a. advise Patient L of the examination findings of vitreo-retinal traction in their right eye;
  - b. provide any, or any adequate, safety netting advice to Patient L regarding their vitreo – retinal traction;
  - c. carry out a visual field test on Patient L;

- d. make a referral for suspected glaucoma in respect of the appearance of Patient L's left optic disc when it was indicated to do so;
8. On or around 14 January 2022 whilst employed at [redacted] you:
- a. failed to carry out a dilated examination of Patient M;
  - b. did not check for tobacco dust (Shafer's sign) following pupil dilation;
  - c. did not give safety-netting advice for symptoms suggestive of retinal detachment;

And as a result of the matters set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct.

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**Committee Members:** Andy Brennan (Chair/Lay)  
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)  
Victoria Smith (Lay)  
Ann Barrett (Optometrist)  
Claire Roberts (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Alecsandra Manning-Rees

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at [hearings@optical.org](mailto:hearings@optical.org).