

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

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F(24)44

AND

ABDUL KHAN (01-30126)

**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 **Tuesday 27 May to Friday 30 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 **Abdul Khan** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Head of Hearing Operations, General Optical Council

17 March 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Abdul Khan (01-30126), a registered Optometrist:

1. On 12 July 2023 you performed a sight test on Patient A, and you:
 - a. Failed to carry out an internal and/or external examination of Patient A's eyes, namely you:
 - i. Failed to perform a slit lamp examination of the anterior eyes;
 - ii. Failed to perform an ophthalmoscopic examination of the peripheral and/or nasal fundi;
 - b. Failed to accurately assess the type and/or density of the cataract in Patient A's right eye;
 - c. Failed to assess Patient A's oculomotor status;
 - d. Failed to accurately ascertain Patient A's history and symptoms, namely you:
 - i. Recorded that Patient A was attending for a routine check with no symptoms, despite you not ascertaining the reason for Patient A's visit;
 - ii. Recorded that Patient A was not taking any medications, despite Patient A providing details of medications taken during the examination;
 - e. Failed to provide your advice and/or recommendations to Patient A, namely you:
 - i. Recorded that you recommended contact lenses to Patient A, despite this not being mentioned to Patient A during the examination;
 - f. Failed to record details of those involved in Patient A's optical consultation;
 - g. Falsified Patient A's clinical record to say that the above at 1a)(i) and/or (ii) and/or (b) and/or (c) and/or (d)(i) and/or (ii) and/or (e)(i) had been carried out and/or provided when they had not;
2. Your conduct at 1g) above was
 - a. Inappropriate; and/or
 - b. Dishonest, in that Patient A's clinical record does not reflect a genuine representation of the examination that took place

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

Committee Members: Gerry Wareham (Chair/Lay)
John Vaughan (Lay)
Audrey McFarlane (Lay)
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Aaminah Khan

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