

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

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F(24)37

AND

GURMIT BANSAL (D-17181)

**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 **Thursday 20 February – Wednesday 26 February 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 **Gurmit Bansal** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

17 January 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Gurmit Bansal (D-17181), a registered dispensing optician:

1. On one or more occasion, between February 2018 and February 2022, you supplied the patients listed in Schedule A with spectacles with a lower value and/or inferior to the spectacles the patients had originally paid for; and/or
2. Your conduct as set out at 1 above was inappropriate and/or dishonest in that you knew the spectacles provided to the patients were of a cheaper and/or inferior quality to what they paid for and/or you did not refund the patients with the difference in price.

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

Committee Members: Jayne Wheat (Chair)
Nicola Enston (Lay)
Carolyn Tetlow (Lay)
Claire Anstee (Dispensing Optician)
Leigh Nelson (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: TBC

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