

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

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AND

IMAAD AMANAT - (01-39014)

**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 11 – Monday 18 November 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 **Imaad Amanat** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

18 July 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Imaad Amanat (01-39014), a registered optometrist:

1) On 26 March 2023, you attended Specsavers [redacted] for a contact lens end of trial consultation ('the Consultation') and your attendance at the Consultation was inappropriate because you knew that:

- a. The reason for your attendance was to assist Registrant 1; and/or
- b. You had not been provided with any trial lenses prior to attending the appointment; and/or
- c. You did not have a genuine intention to continue with the contact lenses and/or purchase any contact lenses from the store following the appointment; and/or
- d. Your attendance would inappropriately assist Registrant 1 with their preregistration requirements to become a fully qualified registrant.

2) On or around 29 March 2023, you colluded and/or discussed with Registrant 1 the responses you would give if you were asked about the Consultation.

3) On 26 July 2023, you attended a disciplinary hearing conducted by [redacted] Specsavers and you stated the following in response to questions you were asked, or words to the effect that:

- a. Registrant 1 had not been present during the Consultation; and/or
- b. You had learned after the Consultation that Registrant 1 was under investigation; and/or
- c. You had not told anyone about your attendance at the Consultation as you had not considered it to be significant and thought it was already being dealt with.

4) You knew that:

- a. Registrant 1 had been present for some of the Consultation; and/or
- b. You had been aware at the time of the Consultation that Registrant 1 was under investigation; and/or
- c. Your attendance at the Consultation was significant.

5) Your actions as set out at paragraphs 2 and/or 3 were intended to interfere with and/or obstruct the ongoing formal disciplinary and/or investigation processes.

6) Your actions as set out at paragraph 1 were dishonest.

7) Your actions as set out at paragraphs 2 and/or 3 were dishonest by reason of paragraphs 4 and/or 5.

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

Committee Members: Julia Wortley (Chair)
Sarah Hamilton (Lay)
Asmita Naik (Lay)
Sanna Nasrullah (Optometrist)
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)

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