

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

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F(24)34

AND

ZARA SHAFIQUE (SO-15144)

**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 10 February to Wednesday 12 February 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 undertake training of **Zara Shafique** 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

14 January 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Miss Zara Shafique (SO-15144), a registered student optometrist:

1. On 10 September 2023 you knowingly falsified contact lens records for Patient A without them having attended an appointment because you needed a record for competencies for your exam
 - a. Your actions at (1) were dishonest
2. On 10 September 2023 you falsified the following details on Patient A's records:
 - a. Full fitting;
 - b. Order;
 - c. Coc (contact lens check on collection);
 - d. Eot (end of trial)

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

Committee Members:

Sara Nathan (Chair/Lay)

Mark Richards (Lay)

Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)

Caroline Clark (Optometrist)

Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)

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