

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

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F(24)38

AND

JOHN SINGH (D-15254)

**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 **Monday 3 March – Friday 7 March 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 **John Singh** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

You have the right to attend the hearing and be represented in accordance with rule 21 of the Fitness to Practise Rules 2013.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

17 January 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, John Singh (D-15254), a registered dispensing optician:

1. On one or more occasion, between January 2018 and March 2022,
 - a. 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
 - b. You knowingly overcharged patients listed in Schedule A and processed transactions to the value of £9793.43
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: Louise Fox (Chair)
Kevin Connolly (Lay)
Ian Hanson (Lay)
Lesley Reid (Dispensing Optician)
Simon Pinnington (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: Kelly Thomas

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