

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

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**IO(22)09**

**AND**

**RICHARD CARR (01-16036)**

**PRIVATE HEARING**

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**NOTICE OF FIFTH REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER**

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On 14 June 2022, the Fitness to Practise Committee imposed a conditional registration order for a period of 18 months. On 24 November 2022 and 2 May 2023, the Fitness to Practise Committee continued the interim order of conditions, with variations.

On 19 October 2023 the Fitness to Practise Committee changed the IO conditions order to an IO suspension order. On 6 March 2024, the IO suspension order was continued.

Take notice that a hearing to review the interim suspension order made in respect of the above registered optometrist will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

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**Hearing on the papers**

A **fifth** review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Wednesday 31 July 2024 and Wednesday 14 August 2024**. The Registrant will not be invited to attend.

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**Live Hearing**

If the Registrant objects to their case being heard on the papers it will be heard at a live hearing. The following will apply:

A **fifth** review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Wednesday 14 August 2024 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

**Committee Members:**

Anne Johnstone (Chair / Lay)

Nigel Pilkington (Lay)

Alexander Howard (Optometrist)

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