

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

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**F(23)41**

**AND**

**YAQUT KHAN (01-26586)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 22 April – Friday 03 May 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 **Yaqut Khan** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Louise Hall  
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

**15 November 2023**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Yaqut Khan (01-26586), a registered Optometrist, whilst you were working at Specsavers [redacted] and Specsavers [redacted], as a Locum Optometrist:

1. On or around 28 July 2013, failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 1 in that you:
  - a. failed to identify the patient was suffering from macular-off retinal detachment in his left eye,
  - b. wrongly referred for wet AMD despite the patient presenting with signs of retinal detachment;
2. On or around 30 July 2013, failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 2 in that you:
  - a. failed to identify the patient potentially was suffering from papilloedema or failed to appreciate the seriousness of the patient potentially suffering from papilloedema,
  - b. failed to make an emergency and / or urgent referral;
3. On or around 9 October 2013, amended Patient 2's record of the sight test conducted on 30 July 2013 as set out in Schedule A
4. Your conduct as set out at paragraph 3 above was dishonest in that you:
  - a. did not make clear these comments were made retrospectively,
  - b. knew such amendments should be identified as having been made retrospectively,
  - c. intended these amendments to look like they were part of the original entry made on 30 July 2013,
  - d. claimed to have completed a amsler test, when you had not;

5. *On or around 20 July 2019, failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 3 in that you:*
  - a. *completed the eye examination in around 6 minutes which was either incomplete and/or performed to an inadequate standard,*
  - b. *failed to perform:*
    - i. *a cover test,*
    - ii. *an ocular mobility check,*
    - iii. *pupil checks,*
    - iv. *a check of the health of the back of the eye,*
    - v. *an adequate peripheral retinal check,*
    - vi. *an adequate intraocular or eye pressure check,*
  - c. *recorded completing one or more tests set out at paragraph 5(b) (i) – (v) when you had not done so;*
6. *Your conduct as set out at paragraph 5(c) above was dishonest in that you knew you had not performed one or more of the tests recorded in the records.*
7. *On or around 2 April 2019, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 106 in that you:*
  - a. *failed adequately to:*
    - i. *assess the patient's binocular vision,*
    - ii. *conduct an adequate internal eye examination.*
    - iii. *conduct an adequate external eye examination,*
    - iv. *conduct a basic cover test,*
    - v. *explore and / or assess his report that his vision was "worse" at distance,*

- b. issued a prescription and / or issued new spectacles without adequate justification,*
  - c. failed adequately to document:*
    - i. the general health of the patient in that the Registrant inaccurately recorded “no health issues” in one part of the notes when this was not the case,*
    - ii. an assessment of the patient’s binocular vision,*
    - iii. the results of a basic cover test,*
    - iv. one or more results of the internal eye examination,*
    - v. one or more results of the external eye examination,*
    - vi. sufficient exploration of his vision being reported as “worse” at distance,*
    - vii. why the prescription and / or new spectacles were appropriate;*
- 8. On or around 15 June 2019, inappropriately amended Patient 106’s record of the sight test conducted on 2 April 2019 as set out in Schedule B;*
- 9. Your conduct as set out at paragraph 8 above was dishonest in that you:*
- a. did not make clear these comments were made retrospectively,*
  - b. knew such amendments should be identified as having been made retrospectively,*
  - c. intended these amendments to look like they were part of the original entry made on 2 April 2019,*
  - d. recorded clinical findings when you:*
    - i. knew you had not observed one or more of these findings on 2 April 2019,*

- ii. were reckless as to whether the observations / results you entered into the notes represented the actual clinical findings / results observed on 2 April 2019 or not;*

*10. Between 1 August 2018 and 1 August 2019, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care in that you:*

- a. in respect of one or more patients in Schedule C, you failed adequately to:*

- i. explore / assess vision symptoms where the patient reported a decline in distance or near vision,*
- ii. record having explored / assessed vision symptoms where the patient reported a decline in distance or near vision,*

- b. in respect of one or more of those patients listed in Schedule D, you failed:*

- i. to explore patient(s') employment adequately,*
- ii. adequately to record sufficient detail relating to patients' employment,*

- c. in respect of one or more patients listed in Schedule E, you failed:*

- i. to conduct an adequate external examination of the eye,*
- ii. adequately to record the external examination of the eye,*

- d. in respect of one or more patients listed in Schedule F, you failed adequately to:*

- i. conduct an adequate internal examination of the eye,*
- ii. record the internal examination of the eye,*

- e. in respect of one or more patients listed in Schedule G, you failed:*

- i. to conduct a cover test either adequately or at all,*
- ii. adequately to record the outcome of a cover test,*

- f. in respect of Patient 048, you failed adequately to:*

*i. investigate or explore the headache symptom being experienced, ii. record having investigated or explored the headache symptom,*

*g. in respect of Patient 087 and /or 099, you failed to:*

*i. complete a visual field test,*

*ii. record adequately having completed a visual field test.*

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

**Schedule A**

<b>Record section</b>	<b>Original record</b>	<b>Amended record</b>
<b>Reason for visit</b>	<i>'DV worse NV OK headaches No diplopia No other problem reported'</i>	<i>'DV worse NV OK headaches longstanding No diplopia No other problem reported'</i>
<b>Optic disc</b>	<i>'Healthy Colour Margins NRR intact'</i>	<i>'Healthy Colour Margins discs slightly raised no haems'</i>
<b>Macula</b>	<i>'Normal Reflex'</i>	<i>'Normal Reflex no distortion on amsler'</i>

## Schedule B

<b>Record Section</b>	<b>Amended Record</b>
<i>Anterior Chamber Left and Right</i>	<i>'Clear &amp; Quiet'</i>
<i>External Eye Right and Left</i>	<i>'Lids/Lashes Bulbar Conjunctiva Sclera Cornea Normal as seen'</i>
<i>Lens Right and Left</i>	<i>'Clear Lens'</i>
<i>Optic Disc Right and Left</i>	<i>'Healthy Colour Margins'</i>
<i>CD Ratio Right and Left</i>	<i>'0.25'</i>
<i>Vessels Right and Left</i>	<i>'Normal'</i>
<i>AV Ratio Right and Left</i>	<i>'2/3'</i>
<i>Macula Right and Left</i>	<i>'Normal Reflex'</i>
<i>Peripheral Retina Right and Left</i>	<i>'All Quadrants Checked Flat/ Even Pigmentation'</i>

## Schedule C

<b>Patient</b>
<i>Patient 012</i>
<i>Patient 015</i>
<i>Patient 021</i>
<i>Patient 024</i>
<i>Patient 030</i>
<i>Patient 033</i>
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<i>Patient 072</i>
<i>Patient 075</i>
<i>Patient 084</i>
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<i>Patient 090</i>
<i>Patient 099</i>
<i>Patient 102</i>
<i>Patient 108</i>
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### **Schedule D**

<b>Patient</b>
<i>Patient 003</i>
<i>Patient 006</i>
<i>Patient 009</i>
<i>Patient 012</i>
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<i>Patient 021</i>
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<i>Patient 042</i>
<i>Patient 045</i>
<i>Patient 048</i>
<i>Patient 051</i>
<i>Patient 054</i>
<i>Patient 057</i>
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**Schedule E**

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## Schedule F

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**Schedule G**

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