

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

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**F(24)42**

**AND**

**HINA ATHER – (01-36144)**

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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 commence at 9:30am on **Monday 19 May – Thursday 22 May 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 **Hina Ather** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Taz Chisango  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**14 April 2025**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Ms Hina Ather (01-36144), a registered Optometrist, whilst employed at [redacted]:

1. Between 06/06/23 -30/08/23, you booked fictitious appointments online and in store for both [redacted] and [redacted] stores for patients who then failed to attend the appointments.
2. You booked appointments using false information in that you used:
  - a. customer names from [redacted] and [redacted] clinics without the Patients requesting this appointment and/or their consent;
  - b. Created new customer records of patients that had not visited the stores before; and/or
  - b. False and/or incomplete telephone numbers on the records; and/or
  - c. Staff and locum staff names as customers
3. Your conduct as set out at 1 and/or 2 above was dishonest.

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

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**Committee Members:**

Gerry Wareham (Chair/Lay)

Louise Fox (Lay)

Kevin Connolly (Lay)

Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

Kamlesh Gohil (Optometrist)

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