

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

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AND

SYED SHAH (SD-808)

**DETERMINATION OF REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER
19 JULY 2010**

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed an Interim Order for the imposition of interim suspension of the registration of Syed Shah for a period of 12 months made by the Council on 3 February 2010.

The Committee has considered the interim order sought in this case namely an application that this registrant's registration continue to be suspended.

The Committee has to consider whether it is satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of members of the public or is otherwise in the public interest for his registration to continue to be suspended.

The Committee has considered the judgement of Mr Justice Davis in the case of Sheikh v GDC. The Committee has considered and accepted the advice of the legal adviser.

The Committee has noted that the conclusions of the Committee of 3 February 2010 set out in paragraphs 1-6 of its determination are not the subject of any significant factual dispute. The Committee was concerned to note that the registrant had misled both his employer and the GOC, falsified documents and treated patients without proper qualifications.

The Committee first considered whether the conditions suggested by the registrant or any conditions would be sufficient to meet its concerns. It has concluded that no conditions could properly do so. The Committee has concluded that it is necessary and proportionate to continue the interim suspension order.

The order will be reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the

registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

The Committee was disappointed that a hearing date for a final determination has yet to be allocated in this case and would urge that the final hearing should be expedited.

Chairman of the Committee: Sir Alistair Graham

Signed _____

Date 19 July 2010