



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

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LLOYD COLLINS (01-23901)

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Fitness to Practise Committee: Ms Mercy Jeyasingham MBE (Lay) (Chair)
Mr Rod Varley (Lay)
Mr Paul Reeves (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Mr David Swinstead

Clinical Adviser: Dr Nick Seivewright

Hearings Manager: Mr David Henley BEM

For the Council: Mr John Hepworth

For the Registrant: Mr Sandesh Singh

[Hearing commenced at 12.49 am]

Ms Jeyasingham: Good afternoon. I am Mercy Jeyasingham and I have been elected to chair today's review of the current 18 month interim conditional registration order made on 15 December 2008. The Committee today is made up of one optometrist and two lay members. I will ask the members to introduce themselves and the capacity in which they sit. *[Introductions made]*.

To my left is the Council's Clinical Adviser, Dr Nick Seivewright, will provide clinical advice to the Committee on any matters of health which may arise in the course of the hearing. The Clinical Adviser may accompany the Committee should it sit in private to deliberate.

To my right is Mr David Swinstead, the Committee's Legal Adviser, who will provide legal advice and assistance to the Committee and ensure that the proceedings are conducted in accordance with the Rules of Procedure so as to arrive at a result which is fair and just. The Legal Adviser may accompany the Committee should it sit in private to deliberate.

In the event that any matter arises during the course of the Committee's deliberations upon which the Committee seeks advice, the parties will be invited to return to hear the matter which the Committee has raised and the advice to the Committee. Where advice on any issue is not accepted by the Committee, this will be indicated in the course of its decision on that issue.

To your right is David Henley, the Hearings Manager, who will provide administrative support to the Committee. Next to Mr Henley is the transcriber, who will be keeping an official record of all that is said today during the

sessions of the hearing at which the parties are present. The remaining persons sitting in the hearing room rather than in the public and the press areas are members of the respective legal teams.

You should be aware that it is the Council's policy for the determination of the Committee and a transcript of the proceedings to be displayed on the Council's website for public viewing, but where matters of health are being discussed, the determination will be redacted accordingly and the transcript will not be displayed.

I will enquire if there are any applications to be made and whether, as this is a health matter, whether the parties wish to apply for the hearing to be held *in camera*?

[Private hearing]

[Public hearing]

Ms Jeyasingham: I will read out the decision:

Decision (Redacted)

The Committee has considered all the material placed before it. It has taken account of the submissions of Mr Hepworth on behalf of the Council and those of Mr Singh on behalf of the registrant. It has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

In deciding whether it is necessary for this order to be maintained, it paid particular regard to the reports of 30th December 2009 and 8th February 2010. It also had regard to the positive written information provided by Mr Greening, his workplace supervisor

The Committee considered whether, in light of this information, it remains necessary for there to be an interim order in this case. It has concluded that the purpose of the order was to protect the public, and was in the public interest by addressing the registrant's problems. On the basis of the conclusions in the reports, it has determined that it no longer remains necessary for there to be an interim order and the current order is revoked.

Thank you.

[The hearing concluded at 2.47 pm]