BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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F(26)23

AND

AMISH PATEL (01-21312)

NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING

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:

Physical hearing
The substantive hearing will take place on **Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 December 2026** at 9:30am, at the GOC offices**: Level 29, One Canada Square, London, E14 5AA.**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Amish Patel** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Arjeta Shabani
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

26 November 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Amish Patel (01-21312), a registered Optometrist, whilst you were a [redacted] Specsavers Limited:

1. *On 16 April 2024, you submitted a claim to Mr A for supervision expenses which;*
   a. *Did not account for the NHS Grant that [redacted] Specsavers had claimed in relation to the pre-registration supervision of Ms B;*
   b. *Included an alleged pay-rise given to Ms C for supervision of Ms B;*
2. *On 19 April 2024 and on 27 April 2024, you again informed Mr A that you had not claimed this NHS grant;*
3. *On 3 May 2024, you provided Mr A with a signed agreement detailing a pay-rise to Ms C;*
4. *Your actions as set out above at 1a) and/or 2) were dishonest in that you knowingly misrepresented the fact that the NHS Grant had been paid to [redacted] Specsavers;*
5. *Your actions as set out above at 1b) and/or 3) were dishonest in that you:*
   a. *fabricated this signed agreement;*
   b. *forged Ms C's signature on this agreement; and/or*
   c. *knowingly attempted to falsely claim for a pay-rise that was not given to Ms C;*

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

Committee Members:	Oluremi Alabi (Chair/Lay)
	Mark McLaren (Lay)
	Ann McKechin (Lay)
	Louise Gow (Optometrist)
	Caroline Clark (Optometrist)
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