

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

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IO(25)21

AND

PAUL ERNEST (01-10111)

PRIVATE HEARING

NOTICE OF SECOND REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER

Take notice that a hearing to review an interim suspension order made on 08 December 2025 in respect of the above registered optometrist will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

Hearing on the papers

A second review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Thursday 15 October 2026 and Thursday 29 October 2026**. The registrant will **not** be invited to attend.

Live Hearing

If the registrant objects to the case being heard on the papers it will be heard at a live hearing. The following will apply:

A second review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Thursday 29 October 2026 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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