

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

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IO(26)03

AND

NICHOLAS GARTON (D-3170)

PRIVATE HEARING

NOTICE OF FIRST REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER

Take notice that a hearing to review an interim suspension order made on 16 June 2026 in respect of the above registered dispensing optician will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

Hearing on the papers

A first review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Tuesday 10 November 2026** and **Tuesday 24 November 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 first review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

Committee Members:

Sara Nathan (Chair/Lay)

Jacqueline Telfer (Lay)

Lesley Reid (Dispensing Optician)

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