

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

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**F(25)30**

**AND**

**BANSI DHAMECHA - (01-25690)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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:

**Remotely**

The substantive hearing will commence at 9:30am on **Wednesday 18 March – Tuesday 24 March 2026** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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

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Taz Chisango  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

03 February 2026

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mrs Bansi Dhamecha, a registered optometrist (01-25690) on or around 8 October 2024:

- 1) *You shared a list of OSCE stations, as detailed in Schedule A, from the College of Optometrists Final Assessment, to a group chat of approximately 200 students whilst the final circuit of the exam was still ongoing;*
- 2) *Your behaviour at 1) was inappropriate and unprofessional in that it placed students at an advantage when taking their OSCE exams.*

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

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**Committee Members:** Louise Fox (Chair/Lay)  
Lisa Hill (Lay)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)  
Denise Connor (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Kelly Thomas

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at [hearings@optical.org](mailto:hearings@optical.org).