BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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AND

NEAL KERR (01-21432)

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 at **09:30AM** on **Wednesday 9 December to Friday 11 December 2026** 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 **Neal Kerr** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

4 November 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Neal Kerr (01-21432), a registered optometrist, whilst you were a director of [redacted] Visionplus Limited:

1. Between 6 April 2019 and 30 April 2025, you misrepresented personal expenses by claiming they were legitimate business-related expenses, namely:

    a. Between 6 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, a total of £623.18; and/or

    b. Between 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021, a total of £546.45; and/or

    c. Between 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022, a total of to £1,018.67; and/or

    d. Between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023, a total of £2,547.87; and/or

    e. Between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024, a total of £2,203.57; and/or

    f. Between 6 April 2024 and 5 April 2025, a total of £4,173.26; and/or

    g. Between 24 May 2018 and 30 April 2025, a total of £797.07.

2. Between 24 May 2018 and 30 April 2025, you misused the Store Company pool car for personal use and claimed the fuel used on personal trips as a legitimate business-related expense;

3. Your actions as set out above at 1a and/or 1b and/or 1c and/or 1d and/or 1e and/or 1f and/or 1g and/or 2 were dishonest in that you knowingly submitted expenses for payment which you knew misrepresented personal expenses as legitimate business-related expenses;

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

Committee Members:	Sara Nathan (Chair/Lay)
	Jackie Alexander (Lay)
	Victoria Smith (Lay)
	Denise Connor (Optometrist)
	Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)
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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.