

**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

at **9:30** on **Tuesday 15 – Friday 19 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 **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

14 October 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Amish Patel (01-21312), a registered optometrist, whilst you were a director of [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 a pay increase given to Ms C for supervision of Ms B;**
- 2. On 19 April 2024 and/or 27 April 2024, you again informed Mr A that [redacted] Specsavers had not claimed the NHS grant;*
- 3. On 3 May 2024, in support of your claim for expenses as set out above at 1b) you provided Mr A with a false agreement detailing a pay increase to Ms C;*
- 4. Your actions as set out above at 1a) and/or 2) were dishonest in that you:
 - a. Knew you had submitted a claim on 1 June 2023 for the NHS Grant;*
 - b. Knowingly misrepresented the fact that the NHS Grant had not been paid to [redacted] Specsavers;**
- 5. Your actions as set out above at 3) were dishonest in that you:
 - a. Knowingly fabricated this signed agreement;*
 - b. Knowingly forged Ms C's signature on this agreement;**

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)
Amit Jinabhai (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.