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

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**SECOND INTERIM ORDER REVIEW**
**DETERMINATION SUMMARY**
**29 OCTOBER 2026**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant**: Paul Ernest

**Registration number**: 01-10111

**Professional status**: Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order**: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 8 December 2025 for a period of 18 months.

On 18 May 2026 and 29 October 2026, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to continue the current interim order of suspension.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.