

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

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**F(25)26**

**AND**

**CHARLOTTE JONES (01-29084)**

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**DETERMINATION SUMMARY OF A SUBSTANTIVE HEARING  
6 AND 9 MARCH 2026**

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	Gaon Hart (Chair/Lay) David Abbott (Lay) Lisa Hill (Lay) Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist) Caroline Clark (Optometrist)
<b>Clinical adviser:</b>	Dr Jenny Bearn
<b>Legal adviser:</b>	Ashraf Khan
<b>GOC Presenting Officer:</b>	Holly Huxtable
<b>Registrant present/represented:</b>	Not present but represented
<b>Registrant representative:</b>	Peta-Louise Bagott (Doughty Street) Scott Shadbolt (AOP)
<b>Hearings Officer:</b>	Bernice Yeboah
<b>Facts found proved:</b>	Found
<b>Facts not found proved:</b>	Not Applicable

[redacted]	Found
<b>Impairment:</b>	Not Impaired
<b>Sanction:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Immediate order:</b>	Not Applicable

**ALLEGATION**

*The Council alleges that you, Charlotte Jones (01-29084), a registered Optometrist:*

1) [redacted]

1) [redacted]

*And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of [redacted]*

**DETERMINATION**

**Admissions in relation to the particulars of the allegation**

1. The Registrant admitted all particulars of the allegation.

**Findings in relation to the facts**

2. The Committee found all particulars proved.

**Findings in relation to Grounds**

3. The Committee found that the admitted facts found proved amount to [redacted]

**Findings regarding impairment**

4. The Committee found that the fitness of Charlotte Jones to practise as an Optometrist is not impaired.

**Declaration**

5. The Committee makes a formal declaration that the Registrant's fitness to practise is not impaired.

**Chair of the Committee:** Gaon Hart

**Signature** 

**Date:** 9 March 2026

**Registrant:** Charlotte Jones

**Signature:** Sent to the Registrant via email

**Date:** 9 March 2026

<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>
<b>Transcript</b>
A full transcript of the hearing will be made available for purchase in due course.
<b>Appeal</b>
Any appeal against an order of the Committee must be lodged with the relevant court within 28 days of the service of this notification. If no appeal is lodged, the order will take effect at the end of that period. The relevant court is shown at section 23G(4)(a)-(c) of the Opticians Act 1989 (as amended).
<b>Professional Standards Authority</b>
<p>This decision will be reported to the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) under the provisions of section 29 of the NHS Reform and Healthcare Professions Act 2002. PSA may refer this case to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales, the Court of Session in Scotland or the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland as appropriate if they decide that a decision has been insufficient to protect the public and/or should not have been made, and if they consider that referral is desirable for the protection of the public.</p> <p>Where a registrant can appeal against a decision, the Authority has 40 days beginning with the day which is the last day in which you can appeal. Where a registrant cannot appeal against the outcome of a hearing, the Authority's appeal period is 56 days beginning with the day in which notification of the decision was served on you. PSA will notify you promptly of a decision to refer. A letter will be sent by recorded delivery to your registered address (unless PSA has been notified</p>

by the GOC of a change of address).

Further information about the PSA can be obtained from its website at [www.professionalstandards.org.uk](http://www.professionalstandards.org.uk) or by telephone on 020 7389 8030.

**Effect of orders for suspension or erasure**

To practise or carry on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician, to take or use a description which implies registration or entitlement to undertake any activity which the law restricts to a registered person, may amount to a criminal offence once an entry in the register has been suspended or erased.

**Contact**

If you require any further information, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at Level 29, One Canada Square, London, E14 5AA or by telephone, on 020 7580 3898.