

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

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F(25)28

AND

GAUTAM PASSI (01-29657)

**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:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will commence at 9:30am on **Monday 9 – Wednesday 11 March & Friday 13 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 **Gautam Passi** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

03 February 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you Mr Gautam Passi (01-29657), a registered optometrist:

- 1) Between May 2024 and August 2024, you submitted Optics Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Event attendance forms to the Specsavers Professional Training and Development team, claiming that you attended the CPD events set out in Schedule A.
 - i) Dishonest in that you knew you did not attend the CPD events set out in Schedule A.
- 2) Between 2 May 2024 and 2 May 2025, during the 2022-2024 CPD Cycle, you claimed points and submitted certificates to the General Optical Council’s CPD Team for the discussion workshops set out in Schedule B.
- 3) Your actions at 3) were:
 - i) Misleading; and/or
 - ii) Dishonest in that you knew you did not attend the CPD events set out in Schedule B.

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

SCHEDULE A

	CPD event title	Date	Time	Location
1.	Clinical Efficiency & Optometrist Service Excellence from the Test Room	9 th May 2024	6pm – 8pm	[redacted]
2.	The Power of the Trust Expert & Embracing Presbyopia	20 th May 2024	6pm – 8:30pm	[redacted]
3.	Targeting quality & patient choice	8 th July 2024	4pm – 5:30pm	[redacted]
4.	Wellbeing through purpose	15 th July 2024	6pm - 8pm	[redacted]
5.	Dry eye: mental health impact and management	16 th July 2024	6pm - 9pm	[redacted]
6.	Clinical efficiency from the test room & Optometrist service excellence from the test room	8 th June 2024	6:30pm – 8:30pm	[redacted]

SCHEDULE B

	Certificates	Points
1.	Optometrist service excellence from the test room	3
2.	Embracing presbyopia	3
3.	Wellbeing through purpose	3

SCHEDULE C

Registrant's email address: _____ [redacted]

Committee Members: Oluremi Alabi (Chair/Lay)
Joy Tweed (Lay)
Mark McLaren (Lay)
Sarvat Fida (Optometrist)
Gemma O'Rourke (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.