

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

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**F(21)22**

**AND**

**JITESH GADHER - (D-16062)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 resuming substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 19 September 2022 – Friday 23 September 2022** 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 **Jitesh Gadher** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Vineeta Desai  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**20 June 2022**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Jitesh Gadher (D-16062), a registered dispensing optician whilst working at [redacted] (“the practice”):

1. On or around 8 January 2020, Patient 1 purchased a spectacle frame from the practice, and you took payment of on or around £185 in cash given to you by Patient 1, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
2. On or around 12 December 2019, you took Hoya vouchers amounting to the value of on or around £75 from the practice without consent;
3. On or around 12 December 2019, you took payment of on or around £50 in cash given to you by Patient [redacted] for a re-glaze, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
4. On or around 4 December 2019 you took a split payment of on or around £30 in cash given to you by Patient [redacted] 1 for a re-glaze, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
5. On or around 20 November 2019 you took payment of on or around £200 in cash given to you by Patient A (Patient [redacted]) for purchase of spectacles, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
6. On or around 15 November 2019, you took payment of on or around £236 in cash given to you by Patient B (Patient [redacted]) for purchase of spectacles, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
7. On or around 14 November 2019, you delivered spectacles to Patient C and took payment of on or around £334.95 in cash from Patient C (Patient [redacted])’s nephew, Mr C, and you did not put this cash into the cash till and removed this cash from the practice without consent;
8. On multiple unknown dates between September 2016 to 22 January 2020 you informed Mr A and/ or Mrs B that you worked as an Investigating Officer and/ or Fitness to Practise Committee member for the General Optical Council (GOC) despite knowing this to be untrue;
9. On an unknown date between 1 April 2019 and 22 January 2020 you informed Mr D that you worked as an Investigating Officer and/ or Fitness to Practise Committee member for the General Optical Council (GOC) despite knowing this to be untrue;
10. Your actions at 1, and/or 2, and/or 3, and/or 4, and/or 5, and/or 6, and/or 7, and/or 8, and/or 9 above were:
  - a) Inappropriate; and/ or
  - b) Dishonest

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

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**Committee Members:** Anne Johnstone (Chair/Lay)  
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Clare Hayes (Dispensing Optician)  
Judith Stodel (Dispensing Optician)

**Legal Adviser:** Ian Ashford-Thom/William Hoskins

**Hearings Officer:** TBC

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at [hearings@optical.org](mailto:hearings@optical.org).