

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

**IO(22)09**

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**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW APPLICATION  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
24 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Richard Carr

**Registration number:** 01-16036

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 14 June 2022 for a period of 18 months.

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed and determined to continue the current interim order of conditions with variations on 24 November 2022.

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.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

A1	<b>Standard conditions</b>
A1.1 Informing others	You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.  a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li> <li>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li> </ul>
<p>A1.2 Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</li> <li>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</li> <li>c. You cease working.</li> </ul> <p>This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/ contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.</p>
<p>A1.3 Supervision of Conditions</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You must before you undertake any optometric/dispensing work identify a workplace supervisor or supervisors who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions.</li> <li>2. If you intend to commence work, you must not undertake any optometric/dispensing work unless a workplace supervisor is present within the Practice.</li> <li>3. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor(s) before you start work.</li> <li>4. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor(s).</li> <li>5. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor(s) and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> <li>6. At least once every fortnight meet your supervisor(s) to review compliance with conditions 8 and 9 below and in particular: your professional and personal interactions with female patients, colleagues and staff;</li> <li>7. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your supervisor(s) to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring and the outcome of your fortnightly meetings. Such a report should include any concerns the supervisor(s) has regarding any behaviour that may be of concern, which they want to bring to the</li> </ol>

	<p>attention of the GOC. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor(s) and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</p> <p>8. You must not undertake the examination of any female patient unless there is present in the room throughout the examination a chaperone, who may be a colleague, member of staff or a person accompanying the patient.</p> <p>9. In the event that a chaperone is not available, you must not undertake the examination of any female patient unless the door to the room where the examination is taking place is left open throughout the examination.</p>
<p>A1.4 Other proceedings</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>
<p>A2</p>	<p>[Redacted]</p>
<p>A2.1</p>	<p>[Redacted]</p>