

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

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AND

ANDREW MAYNARD (01-32510)

**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 take commence at 9:30am on the dates below by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on

- **16 October - 19 October 2023**
- **24 October - 26 October 2023**
- **30 October – 01 November 2023**
- **07 November 2023**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Andrew Maynard** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

29 June 2023

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Andrew Maynard, a registered Optometrist, whilst employed by Boots Opticians:

Patient A

- 1) On or around 23 July 2021 you examined Patient A and you failed to keep an adequate record of your consultation with Patient A in that you did not record:
 - a. the number of times per day the chloramphenicol was to be administered by Patient A, and / or
 - b. the duration of use of the chloramphenicol by Patient A, and / or
 - c. to which eye the chloramphenicol should have been administered;

Patient B

- 2) On or around 18 July 2021 you examined Patient B and you failed to:
 - a. carry out an adequate examination and/or assessment of Patient B in that you did not:
 - i. check for staining with fluorescein, and / or
 - ii. make any or sufficient enquiries about Patient B's:
 1. care system, and / or
 2. compliance with the cleaning regimen, and / or
 3. poor comfort,
 - iii. establish contact lens age and / or condition,
 - b. keep an adequate record of you consultation with Patient B in that you did not record:
 - i. which eye the symptoms of dryness and / or stickiness occurred in, and / or
 - ii. details regarding the 'poor comfort', and / or
 - iii. whether the problem occurred when the contact lenses were new as well as old, and / or
 - iv. the number of days per week or month the contact lenses were worn, and / or
 - v. details of Patient B's care system, and / or
 - vi. details of Patient B's compliance with the cleaning regimen, and / or
 - vii. contact lens age, and / or
 - viii. contact lens condition;

Patient F

- 3) On or around 25 June 2021 you examined Patient F who present with signs and symptoms suggestive of neurological disease, including but not limited to:
 - a. headaches, and / or
 - b. patchy vision, and / or
 - c. swollen right optic disc, and / or
 - d. reduced visual acuity in the left eye, and / or
 - e. hemianopic visual field defect;
- 4) You sent Patient F home without discussing with and / or advising them that a very prompt referral was necessary to investigate the signs and symptoms.
- 5) You failed to appreciate that Patient F's presentation required an emergency referral.

- 6) As a result of 4 and 5 above you exposed Patient F to the risk that the specialist assessment of their condition would be inappropriately delayed.

Patient G

- 7) On or around 17 August 2021 you examined Patient G and you failed to:
 - a. keep an adequate record of your consultation with Patient G in that you did not record details in respect of the action plan, and / or
 - b. make an urgent referral regarding Patient G's:
 - i. presenting intra-ocular pressures, and / or
 - ii. reduced acuity, and / or
 - iii. deteriorated visual fields, and / or
 - c. identify signs suggestive of advancing glaucoma, including but not limited to:
 - i. elevated intra-ocular pressures, and / or
 - ii. reduced acuities, and / or
 - iii. deteriorated visual fields.

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

Committee Members:

Sara Fenoughty (Lay)

Sarah Hamilton (Lay)

Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)

Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)

Sanna Nasrullah (Optometrist)

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