

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

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**FIFTH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
4 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Omer Arshad

**Registration number:** 01-27752

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 4 January 2022 for a period of 18 months. On 3 March 2022, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to replace the interim order of suspension with an interim order of conditions.

On 13 May 2022, 13 October 2022, 10 March 2023 and 4 September 2023 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to continue the interim order of conditions.

The order was extended by the High Court in 2023 and will now expire on 3 July 2024.

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.

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

- a. You must only work for, and at the premises of, [redacted] and/or [redacted]
- b. You are not allowed to work for any other employer.
- c. You are not permitted to deal with patients under the age of 18 or engage with anyone under 18 who is on the premises.
- d. You must inform the GOC if you cease working for the above.

- e. You must place yourself under the direct supervision of [redacted] at all times that you are on the above premises. You must not work, at all, in the event that [they] are unable to provide direct supervision.
- f. You shall only have access to the patient records of the patient that you are dealing with. These will be provided to you by the receptionist or [redacted].
- g. At least every three months or upon the request of the GOC you must provide a written report to the GOC from [redacted] detailing how you have complied with the conditions that he is monitoring. The written report should include comment on the Registrant's compliance with condition c. stating whether the Registrant has had any dealings with patients under the age of 18 or has engaged with anyone under 18 who is on the premises. In the event of you not adhering to these conditions it is envisaged that [redacted] will inform the GOC as soon as possible.
- h. You must inform the GOC of any proposed change in your supervisor and only work under that supervisor in the event that this has been agreed with the GOC in advance.
- i. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to the above conditions. You should inform [redacted] as soon as reasonably possible. You should also inform, within two weeks of the date this order takes effect, the Chair of the Local Optometric Committee for the area you provide Ophthalmic Services and the NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contract list you are included or seeking inclusion.