

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

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F(22)36

AND

RUPIN RACH (01-27632)

**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 **Wednesday 27 September – Friday 06 October 2023** 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 **Rupin Rach** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

16 June 2023

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Rupin Rach (01-27632), a registered optometrist:

1. On the following dates you, the only registered optometrist in store and the manager, left Boots, [redacted] premises for a period of time knowing or believing that your pre-registration Optometrist was or would be testing patients and/or conducting pre-examinations:
 - a. 25 September 2020;
 - b. December 2020 – January 2021;
 - c. 22 January 2021;
 - d. 29 January 2021; and/or
 - e. 8 February 2021
2. On one or more occasions, on unknown dates, you:
 - a. Failed to appropriately check a paediatric dispense carried out by a student optometrist; and/or
 - b. Failed to appropriately supervise a paediatric dispense of spectacles carried out by a student optometrist.
3. On unknown dates you retrospectively signed record cards after patients had left the practice.
4. You provided your OPS number to colleagues; and/or
 - a. Shared your OPS with everyone in the store by writing it on a post-it note stuck to the computer at the front till; and/or
 - b. Shared your OPS with staff members enabling them to have access to your level of authorisation; and/or

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

Committee Members: James Kellock (Chair)
Victoria Smith (Lay)
Sarah Hamilton (Lay)
Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: 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.