

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
14 JUNE 2022**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Richard Carr

Registration number: 01-16036

Professional status: Optometrist

Area of registered address: New Castle upon Tyne

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 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:

A1	Standard conditions
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<p>A1.1</p> <p>Informing others</p>	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK. c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
<p>A1.2</p> <p>Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services. b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK. c. You cease working. <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 Conditions</p>	<p>If you intend to commence work, you must:</p> <p>a. Identify a workplace supervisor or supervisors who would be prepared to monitor your compliance of these conditions, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your professional and personal interactions with female colleagues and patients. • you must not undertake any optometric/dispensing work unless a workplace supervisor is present within the Practice. <p>b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor(s) before you start work.</p> <p>c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor(s).</p> <p>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor(s) and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.</p> <p>e. At least once every fortnight meet your supervisor(s) to review compliance with your conditions.</p> <p>f. 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 attention of the GOC.</p> <p>g. 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>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>