

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

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**1<sup>ST</sup> INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
20 DECEMBER 2022**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Robert Fyfe

**Registration number:** 01-31612

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practice Committee determined that the Registrant's registration be subject to conditions for a period of 12 months from 11 July 2022.

On the 20 December 2022, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined the interim order of conditions should vary and continue.

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	<b>List of 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).  b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the

	<p>UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li> <li>d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</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>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify a supervisor or supervisors who would be prepared to monitor your compliance as indicated at paragraphs e, f, and g below:</li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve your supervisor or supervisors within two weeks of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask us to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.</li> <li>c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor.</li> <li>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor or supervisors and remain under their supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> <li>e. Within 24 hours of conducting any eye examination, provide a GOC authorised supervisor with the contemporaneous records of that examination to review. The review may take place remotely. The contemporaneous records of any eye examination are to include all results of any tests conducted. The reviewing supervisor is to advise the Registrant and the GOC if they consider that the records raise serious concerns in respect of patient safety.</li> </ul>

	<p>f. At least once every two months meet your supervisor or supervisors face to face to review your practice.</p> <p>g. At least every two months, or upon the request of the GOC, request a written report from your supervisor or supervisors to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring. This report should specifically include the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your taking of details in respect of history and symptoms;</li> <li>• Your interpretation of clinical examinations and results;</li> <li>• The standard of your record keeping;</li> <li>• The appropriateness of your management of patients in respect of emergency assessments and referrals.</li> </ul> <p>h. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor or supervisors and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</p> <p>i. Provide evidence to satisfy a future Committee that you have completed accredited training or personal development to address the alleged deficiencies identified by Ms A and Ms B.</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>A1.5 Registration requirements</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC. A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <p>a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or Renew your registration annually.</p>