

General Optical Council - Clinical Adviser (medical)

Advert

Remuneration: £300 per day

Interviews (remote): w/c 8 August 2023

Application deadline: Wednesday 26 July 2023 (12:00 noon)

We are the regulator for the optical professions in the UK. Our purpose is to protect the public by promoting high standards of education, performance and conduct amongst opticians. We currently register around 32,000 optometrists, dispensing opticians, student opticians and optical businesses.

We currently have a number of opportunities for medical professionals from a range of backgrounds to play a key part in the regulation of optical professionals by becoming a Clinical Adviser to the committees, who decide on complaints against registrants and optical businesses.

Clinical Advisers must have specialist expertise in a particular field or fields and must not be members of the Council. They are to be appointed for the purpose of giving advice to the Fitness to Practise and Registration Appeals Committees on health-related matters under consideration by the Committee.

We are looking for individuals who are able to bring a fresh perspective. We particularly welcome applications from applicants who can reflect the mix of our registrants and patients.

Role summary

Clinical advisers read papers and reports before hearings and attend these hearings to advise the GOC Fitness to Practise Committees when they consider cases relating to a registrant's physical or mental health. They advise the committee on any matters within their area of medical expertise, answer questions about medical conditions or health-related matters that apply to the case and intervene if there is a possibility of a mistake being made.

Relevant training will be provided for all the roles.

We invite applications from medical professionals from a range of backgrounds specifically those who specialise in the following areas:

- **Occupational medicine**
- **Schizophrenia and schizophrenic related disorders**
- **Bipolar disorder**
- **Depression**
- **Substance (drug/alcohol) dependence and misuse**

- **Ophthalmology**
- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **General practitioners with a specialist interest in one of the above**

We are proud of being an employer that values the diversity of its workforce, and we encourage applicants from all backgrounds and sections of the community to apply.

Further information

The information pack provides details of the role, information on the General Optical Council, details of how to apply and information regarding the application process as well as further details about the timetable.

We highly recommend you read the application pack, paying particular attention to the competences required, before starting to complete your application form, so you can take this into account when writing your competency statements.

Please send your completed application form, with a CV, (no more than 3 A4 sides) and a completed EDI monitoring form, to hearings@optical.org by **Wednesday 26 July 2023 at 12:00pm (noon)**.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role, please contact **Terence Yates** at hearings@optical.org or on **020 7 307 3461**.

If you welcome the challenge of helping to take a leading role in supporting optical regulation at this time, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We strive to be as diverse as the public we protect and welcome applications from everyone, regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity.