

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

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**F(24)23**

**AND**

**BETHAN JOHN (D-33068)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 commence at 9:30am on **Monday 02 December** to **Wednesday 04 December 2024** 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 **Bethan John** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Taz Chisango  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**15 October 2024**

## **ALLEGATION**

*The Council alleges that you, Ms Bethan John (D-33068), a registered Dispensing Optician:*

*1) On or around 28 June 2017, at Cardiff Magistrates' Court, you were convicted of driving a motor vehicle on 11 June 2017 after consuming alcohol that exceeded the prescribed limit, contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988.*

*2) You failed to declare the conviction set out at 1 above to the Council on your:*

*a. Application for restoration to the register of dispensing opticians dated:*

*i. 16 May 2018;*

*ii. 1 April 2021;*

*b. Application for retention to the register of dispensing opticians dated:*

*i. 2 March 2022;*

*ii. 27 February 2023;*

*3) Your conduct as set out at 2a and 2b was dishonest.*

*And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct and a conviction.*

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**Committee Members:** Valerie Paterson (Lay)  
Ben Summerskill (Lay)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Lesley Reid (Dispensing Optician)  
Adrian Street (Dispensing Optician)

**Legal Adviser:** Clare Bunting  
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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at [hearings@optical.org](mailto:hearings@optical.org).