

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

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**FOURTH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
HEARING ON PAPERS  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
15 MARCH 2023**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** John Anthony Watson

**Registration number:** 01-15228

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 13 July 2021 for a period of 18 months.


On the 16 December 2021, 26 May 2022, 01 November 2022, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to continue the interim order of conditions.

Since the last interim order review hearing on 01 November 2022, the order of conditions was extended by the Scottish Court of Session on 12 January 2023. The new date of expiry of the interim order is 12 September 2023.

On 15 March 2023 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to continue the interim order of conditions.

The Committee notes that the substantive hearing in this matter is listed before the next six-monthly review is due and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the substantive hearing is not completed then a further review will need to be listed within 6 months from today.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

A1	<b>Standard conditions</b> 
A1.1 Informing others	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li> <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> </ol>
A1.2 Employment and work	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ol 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> </ol> <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>
A1.3 Supervision of Conditions	<p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify a workplace or remote supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with conditions A1.3 (d), (e), and (f) of these conditions.</li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace or remote supervisor within 2 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 and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> </ol>

	<p>e. Arrange for your supervisor to review a minimum of ten randomly selected patient records every two weeks.</p> <p>f. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your supervisor, which should include the outcome of your supervisor's review of the random sample of patient records.</p> <p>g. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor 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>A1.5 Registration requirements</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <p>a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or</p> <p>b. Renew your registration annually.</p>