

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

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**F(23)48**

**AND**

**AISHA HUSSAIN (01-19937)**

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**DETERMINATION SUMMARY OF A SUBSTANTIVE HEARING  
AGREED PANEL DISPOSAL (APD)  
13-14 MAY 2024  
PRIVATE HEARING**

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	James Kellock (Chair/Lay) Ann McKechin (Lay) Diane Roskilly (Lay) Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist) Denise Connor (Optometrist)
<b>Legal Adviser:</b>	Charlotte Mitchell-Dunn
<b>Clinical Adviser:</b>	Dr Desmond Dunleavy
<b>GOC Presenting Officer:</b>	Lee Bridges
<b>Registrant:</b>	Present and represented
<b>Registrant representative:</b>	Chris Gillespie
<b>Hearings Officer:</b>	Terence Yates
<b>Facts found proved:</b>	All
<b>Facts not found proved:</b>	N/A
<b>Misconduct:</b>	N/A - Grounds of [redacted] Proved

**Impairment:** Impaired  
**Sanction:** 3 years Conditional Registration Order  
**Immediate order:** Yes

### **ALLEGATION (as amended)**

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Aisha Hussain (01-19937), a registered optometrist:

1. You have [redacted] set out in Schedule A;

And by virtue of the facts set out above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of [redacted].

Schedule A

[redacted]

### **DETERMINATION**

#### **Admissions in relation to the particulars of the allegation**

The Registrant admitted all particulars of the Allegation.

#### **Findings in relation to the facts**

The Committee found all the particulars proved by reason of the Registrant's admissions.

#### **Findings in relation to Grounds**

The Committee found that the admitted facts found proved amount to the grounds of [redacted].

#### **Findings regarding impairment**

The Committee found that the fitness of Aisha Hussain to practise as an optometrist is impaired.

#### **Sanction**

The Committee determined the sanction of Conditions for a period of 3 years. A review hearing will be held prior to the expiration of this order.

**Immediate order**

The Committee considered whether to make an immediate order in this case. It has considered the APD Report in which both parties agreed that an immediate order was warranted in this case.

The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser, which was to consider the statutory test in whether the making of an order is necessary for the protection of members of the public, otherwise in the public interest or in the best interests of the Registrant.

The Committee decided to impose an immediate order, as it was necessary for the protection of members of the public and in the public interest, given the findings in this particular case.

**Revocation of interim order**

The Committee hereby revokes the interim order for conditional registration that was imposed on 10 October 2023.

**Chairman of the Committee: James Kellock**

**Signature** ..... **Date: 14 May 2024**

**Registrant: Aisha Hussain**

**Signature** *present and received via email* **Date: 14 May 2024**

## CONDITIONS

1. a. 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:

- i. 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).
- ii. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.
- iii. Chair of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
- iv. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.

- b. You must inform the GOC if:

- i. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.
- ii. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.
- iii. You cease working.

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.

- c. You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.
- d. [redacted]

<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>
<b>Transcript</b>
A full transcript of the hearing will be made available for purchase in due course.
<b>Appeal</b>
Any appeal against an order of the Committee must be lodged with the relevant court within 28 days of the service of this notification. If no appeal is lodged, the order will take effect at the end of that period. The relevant court is shown at section 23G(4)(a)-(c) of the Opticians Act 1989 (as amended).
<b>Professional Standards Authority</b>
<p>This decision will be reported to the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) under the provisions of section 29 of the NHS Reform and Healthcare Professions Act 2002. PSA may refer this case to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales, the Court of Session in Scotland or the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland as appropriate if they decide that a decision has been insufficient to protect the public and/or should not have been made, and if they consider that referral is desirable for the protection of the public.</p> <p>Where a registrant can appeal against a decision, the Authority has 40 days beginning with the day which is the last day in which you can appeal. Where a registrant cannot appeal against the outcome of a hearing, the Authority's appeal period is 56 days beginning with the day in which notification of the decision was served on you. PSA will notify you promptly of a decision to refer. A letter will be sent by recorded delivery to your registered address (unless PSA has been notified by the GOC of a change of address).</p> <p>Further information about the PSA can be obtained from its website at <a href="http://www.professionalstandards.org.uk">www.professionalstandards.org.uk</a> or by telephone on 020 7389 8030.</p>
<b>Effect of orders for suspension or erasure</b>
To practise or carry on business as an optometrist or dispensing optician, to take or use a description which implies registration or entitlement to undertake any activity which the law restricts to a registered person, may amount to a criminal offence once an entry in the register has been suspended or erased.
<b>Contact</b>
If you require any further information, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at 10 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7NG or, by telephone, on 020 7580 3898.