

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

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F(22)35

AND

SIMON ROSE- (01-13102)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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:

Physical hearing

The substantive hearing will take place on **Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 April 2023** at the GOC Offices: **10 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7NG** from **09:30 AM**.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Simon Rose** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

8 December 2022

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Simon Anthony Rose, a registered optometrist:

1. On 31 December 2019, at [redacted] Opticians you made comments about Ms A's appearance in that you;
 - i. You told Ms A that you were unhappy with the way she dressed and requested she dressed like the manager despite Ms A wearing suits to work;
 - ii. Told Ms A to get her nails professionally manicured;
 - iii. Told Ms A that she had to change her appearance in order to continue working for the company;
 - iv. Told Ms A that her carrying out the actions above will make the company look better.
 - v. Told Ms A that she was at risk of losing her job if 1.i-iii were not carried out.
2. On an occasion after 31 December 2019, you
 - i. Told Ms A that you purchase Japanese shoes. You then proceeded to say 'I don't know what you're laughing at because you have small feet' or words to that effect.
 - ii. You then proceeded to tell Ms A that 'if you shopped in the Japanese market you may be able to get some nice shoes' or words to that effect.
3. Your actions as set out in paragraph 1 and 2 above was unprofessional or otherwise inappropriate.

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

Committee Members: Julia Wortley (Chair)
Victoria Smith (Lay)
John Vaughan (Lay)
Catherine Collin (Optometrist)
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Helen Gower

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.