

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

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F(24)06

AND

SANDEEP DHALIWAL (01-22613)

**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:

Blended hearing

This means part of the hearing will be held physically in person and part of the hearing will be held remotely via video conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on:

Physically – **Monday 22 July – Wednesday 24 July 2024** at **09:30am** at **10 Old Bailey London, EC4M 7NG**.

Remotely – **Thursday 25 July – Wednesday 31 July 2024** via Microsoft Teams.

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

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

20 March 2024

ALLEGATION

The council alleges that you, Sandeep Dhaliwal 01-22613, a registered Optometrist, whilst working at Boots [redacted]:

- 1) On or around 13 April 2021 you failed to provide any, or any adequate, advice, to Patient A of the risk of deferring a dilated examination of their left eye to 1 May 2021.
- 2) On or around 13 April 2021 you failed to provide any, or any adequate, safety netting advice in that you did not advise Patient A to attend A & E should their symptoms worsen.

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

Committee Members: Eileen Carr (Chair)
Asmita Naik (Lay)
Diane Roskilly (Lay)
Ewen MacMillan (Optometrist)
Gaynor Kirk (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Alice Moller

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