

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

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AND

SATNAM BANSAL (01-16876)

**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 09 May – Friday 19 May 2023** at the GOC Offices: 10 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7NG.

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

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council
31 January 2023

ALLEGATION

That being a registered optometrist, the fitness to practise of Mr Satnam Bansal is impaired by reason of misconduct, in that:

1. Between 2011-2016 you failed to diagnose Patient A with Glaucoma; and/or
 - a. You failed to recognise the signs of glaucoma; and/or
2. Between 1998-2016 you repeatedly failed to undertake Patient A's visual field assessment and had only done so on one occasion in 2007; and/or
3. You failed to undertake and/or record Patient A's intraocular pressure in:
 - a. May 1998; and/or
 - b. April 2011; and/or
 - c. April 2012
4. Your record keeping was inadequate in that you failed to record sufficient and/or accurate information; and/or
 - a. You failed to record all essential clinical information when carrying out Patient A's sight tests; and/or
 - b. You failed to record all essential history information when carrying out Patient A's sight tests; and/or
 - c. You failed to record the fitting of Patient A's contact lens; and/or
 - d. You failed to record Patient A's external examination; and/or
 - e. You failed to record the appearance of the cornea; and/or
 - f. You failed to record Patient A's anterior eye findings; and/or
 - g. Your handwriting on the record cards were illegible
5. Your actions at 1-3 were inappropriate in that the treatment required by Patient A was delayed due to your actions.

And by virtue of the facts set out above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of misconduct and/or deficient professional performance

Committee Members: Anne Johnstone (Chair)
Diane Roskilly (Lay)
Amanda Webster (Lay)
Ewen MacMillan (Optometrist)
Philippa Shaw (Optometrist)

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