

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

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AND

SAPNA DAVE - (01-23245)

**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:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will commence at 9:30am on **Monday 30 September to Friday 04 October 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

12 June 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mrs Sapna Dave (01-23245), a registered Optometrist:

1. On or around 20 January 2022 and/or 13 July 2022 you conducted an examination of Patient A's eyes, and you:
 - a) Failed to review Patient A's previous clinical data and/ or history of high intra-ocular pressures in his right eye and/or left eye;
 - b) Failed to perform confirmatory intra-ocular pressure readings, despite this being clinically indicated;
 - c) Failed to conduct and/or record a visual fields test on Patient A, despite this being clinically indicated;
 - d) Failed to detect signs and/or symptoms of glaucoma in Patient A's right eye and/or left eye, despite Patient A's raised intra-ocular pressures being indicative of this;
 - e) Failed to make an urgent referral to the Hospital Eye Service in relation to Patient A's raised intra-ocular pressure readings in his right eye and/or left eye, despite this being clinically indicated;

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

Committee Members: Rachel O'Connell (Chair/Lay)
Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)
Mark McLaren (Lay)
Kamlesh Gohil (Optometrist)
Agnes Ali (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Alecsandra Manning-Rees

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