

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

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F(23)16

AND

MOHAMMED ALI (01-29374)

**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 take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 18 September – Monday 25 September 2023** 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 **Mohammed Ali** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

13 June 2023

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mohammed Ali 01-29374, a registered Optometrist:

1. On 15 May 2018 at Willesden Magistrates Court you were convicted of the following offence:
 - a. Between 16 July 2016 and 2 January 2018 failing to comply with an enforcement notice issued on 9 December 2014 by Brent London Borough Council contrary to s.179(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
2. On 10 December 2021 at Willesden Magistrates Court you were convicted of the following offences:
 - a. Deposit without environmental permit controlled waste in/on land on or about 15 April 2019, contrary to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 s.33(1)(a)
 - b. Fail to comply with requirements regarding the making/retention/furnishing of documents on 13 December 2019 contrary to Environmental Protection Act 1990 s.34(5)(6)
3. On or around 15 March 2019, when applying to be retained on the GOC's register as an Optometrist you:
 - a. Failed to declare your conviction set out in allegation (1)
4. On or around 13 March 2020 when applying to be retained on the GOC's register as an Optometrist, you:
 - a. Failed to declare the conviction set out at (1) above.
5. On or around 15 February 2021 when applying to be retained on the GOC's register as an Optometrist, you:
 - a. Failed to declare the conviction set out at (1) above.
6. Your conduct as set at 3(a), 3(b) and 4(a) above, was dishonest in that you knew you were required to provide details of your convictions and/or criminal matters to the GOC and did not do so.

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of conviction in respect of allegations (1) and (2) and misconduct in respect of allegations (3), (4) and (5).

Committee Members: Ms Eileen Carr (Lay)
Ms Susan Bradford (Lay)
Mr Kevin Connolly (Lay)
Ms Caroline Clark (Optometrist)
Ms Denise Connor (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Ms Aaminah Khan

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