

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

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F(23)33

AND

JOSHUA SMITH (D-17395)

**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 06 November – Wednesday 15 November 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 **Joshua Smith** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

18 August 2023

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Mr Joshua Colin Smith (D-17395), a registered dispensing optician:

- 1. On 22 December 2021, you created a contact lenses order for Person B and you:*
 - a. Did not use a prescription to place the order for Person B;*
 - b. Falsified the records to show that the contact lenses order was a legitimate transaction;*
 - c. Did not collect payment for the contact lenses;*

- 2. Your actions as set out above were dishonest in that;*
 - a. You knew Person B was not a patient at the Trust*
 - b. You intended to obtain free contact lenses for Person A;*

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

Committee Members: Ian Crookall (Chair)
Asmita Naik (Lay)
Alice Robertson-Rickard (Lay)
Jessica Shrimplin (Dispensing Optician)
Simon Pinnington (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: TBC

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