

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

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**5<sup>th</sup> INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
17 DECEMBER 2021  
(HEARING ON PAPERS)**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Mary Docherty

**Registration number:** 01-14899

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 8 November 2019 for a period of 18 months. The order was reviewed on 24 April 2020, 25 September 2020 and 10 March 2021, where the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain the current interim order of conditions.

The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain the current interim order of conditions on 15 July 2021 and on 17 December 2021.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier, should new evidence be made available, or if the Registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

<p>A1.1 Informing others</p>	<p>You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any organization or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).</li> <li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li> <li>d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">A1.2</p> <p>Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</li> <li>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</li> <li>c. You cease working.</li> </ul> <p>This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/ contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">A1.3</p> <p>Supervision of Conditions</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a learning supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with numbers: A1.3 d, e, and h; and A 1.5 of these conditions;</li> <li>2. a workplace supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with numbers A1.3 d, f, g, and i of these conditions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor and learning supervisor within 2 weeks of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.</li> <li>c. Identify another supervisor(s) if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor(s).</li> <li>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisors and remain under their supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> <li>e. At least every 3 months meet your learning supervisor to review compliance with your conditions and progress with your personal development plan.</li> </ul>

	<p>f. At least twice per fortnight arrange for your workplace supervisor to observe you carrying out an eye examination on a patient.</p> <p>g. At least once a month meet your workplace supervisor to review 8 patient records to be selected by your supervisor and compliance with your conditions.</p> <p>h. At least every three months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your learning supervisor to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring.</p> <p>i. At least every three months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your workplace supervisor to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring.</p> <p>Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</p>
<p>A1.5 Personal development plan</p>	<p>a. You must continue to work with your learning supervisor to achieve completion of your personal development plan (being a Training and Development Plan produced on 18 January 2019) which addresses alleged deficiencies in the following areas of your practice:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taking an appropriate history &amp; symptoms and asking further questions</li> <li>2. Assessment of the optic disc</li> <li>3. Pupil assessment and RAPD check</li> <li>4. Slit lamp skills with respect to anterior eye assessment - particularly assessing a red eye and anterior chamber assessment (PXF/PDS/uveitis/Van herricks/anterior chamber lens implant)</li> <li>5. Volk lens techniques</li> <li>6. Glaucoma- risk factors, contact tonometry, optic disc assessment, van herricks, full threshold VFs &amp; analysing results, when to refer, pachymetry</li> <li>7. Taking of retinal photographs</li> <li>8. Paediatrics</li> <li>9. Clinical decision making</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>10. Examination, appropriate management and referral of patient with suspect papilloedema</li><li>11. Pathophysiology of papilloedema</li><li>12. Neuro-ophthalmological conditions affecting the optic nerve</li><li>13. Optic nerve examination</li><li>14. Retinal conditions (Posterior Uveitis/toxoplasmosis/naevus)</li><li>15. Appropriate referral and referral pathways (to include brain haemorrhage)</li><li>16. Mock Competency Assessment to demonstrate practical skill in SL, volk, pachymetry &amp; contact tonometry</li></ol>
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