

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

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**F(24)12**

**AND**

**ALAN HAWRAMI - (01-26824)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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:

**Blended hearing**

This means part of the hearing will be held physically in person and part of the hearing will be held remotely via video conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on:

Physically – **Monday, 20 January – Tuesday, 21 January 2025**

Remotely – **Wednesday, 23 January – Friday, 25 January 2025**

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

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Euan Napier  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**23 October 2024**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Alan Hawrami (0126824), a registered optometrist, whilst working at (redacted) on 18 February 2022:

1. Failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient A in that:

a. You failed, adequately or at all:

i. To explain the risks of not carrying out a dilated examination of Patient A's right eye and/or;

ii. To explain the risks of delaying a dilated examination of Patient A's right eye;

b. You failed to:

i. Refer Patient A for a dilated examination of her right eye

and/or;

ii. Offer an alternative appointment to Patient A for a dilated examination of her right eye;

c. You failed to provide Patient A with adequate advice in that you said to Patient A to the effect that their symptoms were likely to be due to their age and myopia and were not a cause for concern;

d. You failed to provide any, or any adequate, advice to Patient A should their symptoms worsen.

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

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**Committee Members:** Sarah Hamilton (Lay)  
Amanda Webster (Lay)  
Ann McKechin (Lay)  
Kam Gohil (Optometrist)  
Ewen MacMillan (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Graeme Dalglish

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