

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

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**F(23)26 and 27**

**AND**

**NAVEED AHMED (01-28635)**

**AND**

**BURHANI MASTER (01-30820)**

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**UPDATED 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:

**Remotely**

The substantive hearing will take place from **9:30am** on **Monday 05 February to Thursday 15 February 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 **Naveed Ahmed** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

The Committee's powers of disposal are set out in sections 13F to 13I.

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Euan Napier  
Operations Manager (Hearings)

**15 January 2024**

## ALLEGATION

### **The case against Naveed Ahmed:**

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Mr Naveed Ahmed (01-28635), a registered Optometrist, whilst you were working at Specsavers [REDACTED] as a locum optometrist:

- 1) On 4 April 2018, between around 8.52am and around 4.41pm you conducted eye examinations on the patients listed in Schedule A.
- 2) You failed to allow sufficient time to conduct adequate and/or complete examinations on some or all of the patients listed in Schedule A.
- 3) On 4 April 2018, you conducted eye examinations in around 7 minutes or less for some or all of the following 25 patients listed in Schedule A:
  - a. Patient 1
  - b. Patient 4
  - c. Patient 6
  - d. Patient 7
  - e. Patient 8
  - f. Patient 12
  - g. Patient 13
  - h. Patient 14
  - i. Patient 15
  - j. Patient 16
  - k. Patient 18
  - l. Patient 19
  - m. Patient 20
  - n. Patient 21
  - o. Patient 22
  - p. Patient 23
  - q. Patient 24
  - r. Patient 27
  - s. Patient 31
  - t. Patient 32
  - u. Patient 35
  - v. Patient 38
  - w. Patient 39
  - x. Patient 40
- 4) The eye examinations you conducted for some or all of the patients listed in Allegation 3 were incomplete and/or performed to an inadequate standard.

- 5) On 4 April 2018, you conducted eye examinations for some or all of the following patients listed in Schedule A, that were either incomplete and/or performed to an inadequate standard:
- Patient 2
  - Patient 3
  - Patient 5
  - Patient 9
  - Patient 10
  - Patient 17
  - Patient 25
  - Patient 28
  - Patient 29
  - Patient 30
  - Patient 33
- 6) On 4 April 2018, you failed to reach an adequate standard in performing eye examinations in that you:
- Re Patient 8 who presented with altered vision:
    - failed to arrange, or record the arrangement of, repeat testing;
    - failed to explore further the Patient 8's altered vision or to record that exploration;
    - failed to arrange any further assessment of patient 8 apart from a 24-month recall;
  - Re Patient 16 failed to arrange any further check or follow-up for their reduced visual acuity;
  - Re Patient 36:
    - undertook a cover test when one was not clinically indicated;
    - recorded normal pupil reactions when the patient had sight in only one eye;
    - failed to check the visual acuity in the sighted eye with a pinhole;
    - wrongly recorded the patient as having an intraocular lens;
- 7) On 4 April 2018 you had the following patient records open under your Socrates login:
- Patient 26 from 14.06 to 14.39;
  - Patient 29 from 14.13 to 14.50;
  - Patient 30 from 14.17 to 14.54
  - Patient 27 from 14.24 to 14.31
  - Patient 28 from 14.39 to 14.47
- 8) You knew the records for Patients 26 and/or 29 and/or 30 were open at times you were not assessing the patient.

- 9) Your intention in having the records for Patients 26, and/or 27 and/or 30 open was to exaggerate the amount of time you spent assessing the patients.
- 10) Your action in paragraphs 7 to 9 were dishonest.
- 11) On 4 April 2018 you had the following patient records open under your Socrates login:
- a. Patient 37 from 09.07 to 09.38;
  - b. Patient 2 from 09.18 to 09.29;
- 12) You knew the record for Patient 37 was open at times you were not assessing the patient.
- 13) Your intention in having the record for Patients 37 open was to exaggerate the amount of time you spent assessing the patient.
- 14) Your action in paragraphs 11 to 13 were dishonest.
- 15) On 4 April 2018, you failed to adequately and/or appropriately supervise the eye examinations carried out by Registrant B, for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B;
- 16) On 4 April 2018, you failed to adequately and/or appropriately supervise the eye examination of Patient 21 listed in Schedule B, in that you failed to ensure that a visual field test was undertaken or recorded;

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

### **Schedule A**

Patient	ID Number
Patient 1	187546
Patient 2	117288
Patient 3	138838
Patient 4	109692
Patient 5	147316
Patient 6	187550
Patient 7	167267
Patient 8	180176
Patient 9	100662
Patient 10	180175
Patient 11	159754
Patient 12	174599
Patient 13	138335

Patient 14	138088
Patient 15	167397
Patient 16	181633
Patient 17	117627
Patient 18	167398
Patient 19	153956
Patient 20	168946
Patient 21	164767
Patient 22	144465
Patient 23	168945
Patient 24	164464
Patient 25	183518
Patient 26	155567
Patient 27	162583
Patient 28	112897
Patient 29	176853
Patient 30	187506
Patient 31	150142
Patient 32	154711
Patient 33	155468
Patient 34	161094
Patient 35	176711
Patient 36	187515
Patient 37	118451
Patient 38	187582
Patient 39	175818
Patient 40	167287

### **Schedule B**

Patient	ID Number
Patient 1	157868
Patient 2	111929
Patient 3	179299
Patient 4	187610
Patient 5	187608
Patient 6	187612
Patient 7	132015
Patient 8	160247
Patient 9	145533
Patient 10	149404
Patient 11	169540
Patient 12	144900
Patient 13	175628
Patient 14	157225
Patient 15	182815
Patient 16	167710

Patient 17	106023
Patient 18	183529
Patient 19	187606
Patient 20	165740
Patient 21	177104
Patient 22	159655
Patient 23	159656
Patient 24	168024
Patient 25	175383
Patient 26	158142
Patient 27	187088
Patient 28	158847
Patient 29	169641
Patient 30	187122
Patient 31	177213

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**Committee Members:**

Eileen Carr (Chair)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Nigel Pilkington (Lay)  
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