

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

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F(24)28

AND

ANIL RACH (01-42048)

**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 commence at 9:30am on **Monday 3 February to Wednesday 5 February 2025** 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 **Anil Rach** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Head of Hearing Operations, General Optical Council

29 January 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Anil Rach (01-42048 formerly SO-14029) a student optometrist whilst working at Specsavers, [redacted] you:

1. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] for the following appointments dated:
 - a. 21 January 2023 at 13:55;
 - b. 24 January 2023 at 13:15;
 - c. 26 January 2023 at 10:40.
2. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 January 2023 at 11:20.
3. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 January 2023 at 12:00.
4. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 January 2023 at 14:05.
5. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 30 January 2023 at 16:05.
6. Falsified on online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 2 February 2023 at 15:05.
7. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 3 February 2023 at 10:40.
8. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 6 February 2023 at 14:50.
9. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 7 February 2023 at 13:50.
10. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 17 February 2023 at 14:15.
11. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 23 February 2023 at 15:55.
12. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 January 2023 at 15:30
13. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 February 2023 at 13:15.
14. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 February 2023 at 13:55.

15. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 February 2023 15:05.
16. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 27 February 2023 at 16:30.
17. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 2 March 2023 at 17:50.
18. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 21 February 2023 at 10:35.
19. Falsified an online diary appointment in the name of [redacted] dated 10 February 2023 at 16:35.
20. Your conduct above was:
 - a. Misleading; and/or
 - b. Inappropriate; and/or
 - c. Dishonest;

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

Committee Members: Jayne Wheat (Chair/Lay)
Victoria Smith (Lay)
Nigel Pilkington (Lay)
Denise Connor (Optometrist)
Claire Roberts (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: 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.