

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
11 JULY 2022**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Robert Fyfe

Registration number: 01-31612

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practice Committee determined that the Registrant's registration be subject to conditions for a period of 12 months from 11 July 2022.

The order will be 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.

LIST OF CONDITIONS

If you require any further information, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at 10 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7NG or, by telephone, on 020 7580 3453

A1	Standard conditions
A1.1 Informing others	<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"> a. Any organisation 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). b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK. c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services. d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.
A1.2 Employment and work	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services. b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK. c. You cease working. <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>A1.3 Supervision of Conditions</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify a supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance as indicated at paragraphs e and f below. b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor/learning supervisor within two weeks of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask us to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work. c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor. d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions. e. At least once every fortnight meet your supervisor to review compliance with your conditions. The first meeting should be an in-person meeting at your place of work, so that the supervisor can review your practice records across a broad range of patients. These should include at least 10 patient records randomly selected by the supervisor at each meeting. Thereafter the meetings can be conducted remotely. f. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, you should request a written report from your supervisor to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring. This report should include in particular a review of all loss of vision patients (whether sudden or gradual), if any, as well as general record keeping. g. 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. h. Evidence to satisfy a future Committee that you have completed accredited training or personal development to address the deficiency identified by Ms Malik in the treatment of sudden loss of vision patients.
<p>A1.4 Other proceedings</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>

<p>A1.5 Registration requirements</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Fulfil all CPD requirements; orb. Renew your registration annually.
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