

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

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**F(22)36**

**AND**

**RUPIN RACH - (01-27632)**

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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 – Tuesday 30 May – Friday 02 June 2023 at the GOC Offices: 10 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7NG from 09:30am.**

**Remotely – Monday 05 – Thursday 08 June 2023 via MS Teams at 9:30am.**

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

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Vineeta Desai  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**21 December 2022**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Rupin Rach (01-27632), a registered optometrist:

1. On the following dates you left Boots premises for a period of time knowing that your pre-registration Optometrist was testing patients and pre-examinations:
  - a. 25 September 2020; and/or
  - b. 22 January 2021; and/or
  - c. 29 January 2021; and/or
  - d. 8 February 2021
2. Your conduct in 1 above was inappropriate as you:
  - a. were the sole clinician in the store; and/or,
  - b. failed to ensure appropriate supervision was available for a pre-registrant optometrist
3. Between December 2020-January 2021 you allowed pre-screening to take place by a pre-reg when an optometrist was not on the premises; and/or
4. On one or more occasions, on unknown dates, you:
  - a. Failed to appropriately check a paediatric dispense carried out by a student optometrist; and/or
  - b. Failed to appropriately supervise a paediatric dispense of spectacles carried out by a student optometrist and/or
  - c. Were not on site to intervene for pre-screening
5. On unknown dates you retrospectively signed record cards after patients had left the practice including child patients; and/or
6. You provided your OPS number to colleagues to sign off child dispenses; and/or
  - a. Shared your OPS with everyone in the store by writing it on a post-it note stuck to the computer at the front till; and/or
  - b. Shared your OPS with staff members so that they could do the checks; and/or

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

**Committee Members:**

Ian Crookall (Chair)  
Carolyn Tetlow (Lay)  
Mark McLaren (Lay)  
David Cartwright (Optometrist)  
Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:**

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**Hearings Officer:**

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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).