

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

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AND

NAVEED AHMED (01-28635)

AND

BURHANI MASTER (01-30820)

**UPDATED 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 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 **Burhani Master** 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.

Euan Napier
Operations Manager (Hearings)

15 January 2024

ALLEGATION

The case against Burhani Master:

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Mr Burhani Master (01-30820) a registered Optometrist, whilst you were employed as a pre-registrant optometrist at Specsavers [REDACTED]:

- 1) On or around 4 April 2018, between around 8.54am and around 5.07pm you conducted eye examinations on the patients listed in Schedule B.
- 2) You failed to allow sufficient time to conduct adequate and/or complete examinations on some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B.
- 3) On or around 4 April 2018, you conducted eye examinations in around 10 minutes or less for the following 16 patients listed in Schedule B:
 - a. Patient 4;
 - b. Patient 5;
 - c. Patient 6;
 - d. Patient 7;
 - e. Patient 10;
 - f. Patient 11;
 - g. Patient 12;
 - h. Patient 13;
 - i. Patient 15;
 - j. Patient 22;
 - k. Patient 24;
 - l. Patient 25;
 - m. Patient 27;
 - n. Patient 28;
 - o. Patient 30;
 - p. Patient 31.
- 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 B, that were either incomplete and/or performed to an inadequate standard:
 - a. Patient 1;
 - b. Patient 8;
 - c. Patient 9;
 - d. Patient 14;
 - e. Patient 16;

- f. Patient 18;
 - g. Patient 21;
 - h. Patient 23;
 - i. Patient 26;
 - j. Patient 29.
- 6) On or around 4 April 2018, you failed to conduct an appropriate eye examination for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B, in that you:
- a. failed to record previous optical prescription; and / or
 - b. failed to record date of last eye examination; and / or
 - c. failed to adequately and/or appropriately investigate presenting symptoms.
- 7) On or around 4 April 2018, you inappropriately prescribed spectacles for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B, despite this not being clinically indicated.
- 8) On or around 4 April 2018, you:
- a. failed to perform retinoscopy for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B; and / or
 - b. failed to record retinoscopy findings for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B.
- 9) On or around 4 April 2018, you carried out sight test/s for some or all of the patients listed in Schedule B:
- a. without adequate supervision; and / or
 - b. knowing that your supervisor was not in a position properly to oversee the work you undertook;

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

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

Committee Members:

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