

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

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F(24)25

AND

LOKESH PRABHAKAR - (01-27897)

**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 **Thursday 05 December - Friday 13 December 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 **Lokesh Prabhakar** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Taz Chisango
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

21 November 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Mr Lokesh Prabhakar (01-27897), a registered optometrist, between 2017 and 2019:

1. You recorded tonometry results for the patients and on the dates set out in Schedule A when:-
 - a. In respect of patients 1, 2, 3, 9 and 12, tonometry had not been measured;
 - b. In respect of patients 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 18, 19 and 22 the tonometry results recorded did not correspond with the actual measurements obtained.
2. Your conduct as alleged at Allegation 1 was:
 - a. misleading; and/or
 - b. dishonest.
3. You did not record tonometry measurements for the following patients on the following dates, despite tonometry having been conducted:-
 - a. Patient 7 on 06 April 2019;
 - b. Patient 10 on 06 April 2019.
4. You pre-populated the records of cup to disc ('C:D') ratios for some or all of the Patients set out in Schedule B.
5. Your conduct as alleged at Allegation 4 was:
 - a. misleading; and/or
 - b. dishonest.
6. In relation to Patient 6, you failed to carry out an adequate examination and/or maintain an adequate standard of record-keeping, in that, you did not adequately investigate or address the reasons for the visual field loss found during the assessment of Patient 6 on 06 April 2019;
7. You failed to conduct and/or record a visual field assessment on the patients set out in Schedule C.
8. You failed to adequately advise and/or record advice to Patient 1 of how their ocular condition and/or refractive findings might impact their driving abilities at their appointment of 20 March 2019.

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

Schedule A

Patient 1 on 20 March 2019;
Patient 2 on 26 March 2019;
Patient 3 on 26 March 2019;
Patient 4 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 5 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 6 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 8 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 9 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 11 on 02 April 2019;
Patient 12 on 02 April 2019.
Patient 18 on 11 April 2019
Patient 19 on 11 April 2019
Patient 22 11 April 2019

Schedule B

Patient 1 on 20 March 2019;
Patient 3 on 26 March 2019;
Patient 4 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 5 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 6 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 7 on 06 April 2019
Patient 8 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 9 on 06 April 2019;
Patient 10 on 6 April 2019
Patient 11 on 02 April 2019;
Patient 12 on 02 April 2019.

Schedule C

Patient 13 on 27 July 2017;
Patient 14 on 11 April 2019;
Patient 20 on 27 July 2017;
Patient 23 on 27 July 2017.

Committee Members: Pamela Ormerod (Chair/Lay)
Victoria Smith (Lay)
Vivienne Geary (Lay)
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)
Ewen MacMillian (Optometrist)

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.