

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

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AND

MATTHEW BICKERSTAFFE (01-19063)

PRIVATE HEARING

NOTICE OF SIXTH REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER

Take notice that a hearing to review an interim suspension order made on 22 December 2021 (and continued on 24 May 2022, 21 October 2022, 30 March 2023, 30 August 2023 and 1 February 2024) in respect of the above registered optometrist will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

Hearing on the papers

A **sixth** review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Thursday 1 August 2024 and Thursday 15 August 2024**. The Registrant will not be invited to attend.

Live Hearing

If the Registrant objects to this case being heard on the papers it will be heard at a live hearing. The following will apply:

A **sixth** review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Thursday 15 August 2024 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

Committee Members: Rachel O'Connell (Chair / Lay)

TBC (Lay)

TBC (Optometrist)

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