

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

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F(21)23

AND

CHRISTOPHER HURST (01-18552)

**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 resuming substantive hearing will be proceeding:

Remotely

The resuming substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Wednesday 18 May – Thursday 19 May 2022** 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 **Mr Christopher Hurst** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

17 March 2022

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Christopher Hurst (01-18552), a registered optometrist:

1. On 19 April 2021, at Preston Crown Court, you were convicted of:
 - a. Carer ill-treatment/wilful neglect of a person without mental capacity, contrary to Section 44 of the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

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

Committee Members: Ms Jayne Wheat (Lay)
Ms Jackie Alexander (Lay)
Ms Vivienne Geary (Lay)
Mr Gordon Elliott (Optometrist)
Ms Judy Lea (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.