

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

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F(24)12

AND

ALAN HAWRAMI - (01-26824)

**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 **Monday, 14 October – Friday, 18 October 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 **Alan Hawrami** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

30 May 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Alan Hawrami (0126824), a registered optometrist, whilst working at [redacted] on 18 February 2022:

1. Failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient A in that:

a. You failed, adequately or at all:

i. To explain the risks of not carrying out a dilated examination of Patient A's right eye and/or;

ii. To explain the risks of delaying a dilated examination of Patient A's right eye;

b. You failed to:

i. Refer Patient A for a dilated examination of her right eye

and/or;

ii. Offer an alternative appointment to Patient A for a dilated examination of her right eye;

c. You failed to provide Patient A with adequate advice in that you said to Patient A to the effect that their symptoms were likely to be due to their age and myopia and were not a cause for concern;

d. You failed to provide any, or any adequate, advice to Patient A should their symptoms worsen.

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

Committee Members:

Ian Crookall (Lay)

Sarah Hamilton (Lay)

Ubaidul Hoque (Lay)

Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

Gemma O'Rourke (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.