

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

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**FIRST INTERIM ORDR REVIEW
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
21 SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Geraint Griffiths

Registration number: 01-10586

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 21 April 2023 for a period of 18 months.

On the 21 September 2023, the Fitness to Practice Committee confirmed and continued the interim order of conditions.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

1. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.
 - a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).
 - b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.
 - c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
 - d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.

2. You must inform the GOC if:
 - a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.
 - b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.
 - c. You cease working.

This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/ contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.

3. You must not examine or advise any patient under the age of 16 years.
4. You must, if working with any patients over the age of 16 years:
 - a. Identify within 14 days of this order an independent assessor willing to review a random selection of your patient records;
 - b. Within 14 days thereafter, inform the GOC of the identity of the independent assessor;
 - c. Arrange for the independent assessor to review 12 randomly selected patient records chosen by the assessor, within 42 days of these conditions taking effect and thereafter every calendar month.
 - d. At least 2 weeks before the next review hearing, provide the GOC with a written report from the independent assessor, setting out his views on the quality of the records he reviewed.
 - e. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your independent assessor.

5. You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.
6. You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.

A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-

- a. Fulfil all CPD requirements; or
- b. Renew your registration annually.