

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

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**F(24)31**

**AND**

**ZEESHAN SULTAN (01-36207)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 6 January to Wednesday 8 January 2025** 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 **Zeeshan Sultan** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Vineeta Desai  
Head of Hearing, General Optical Council

**26 September 2024**

## **ALLEGATION**

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Zeeshan Sultan (01-36207), a registered Optometrist:

1. On 17 October 2023 at Manchester Crown Court you were convicted of:
  - a. Possess an offensive weapon in a public place; and
  - b. Assault a person and thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm;

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

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**Committee Members:** Jayne Wheat (Lay)  
Ben Summerskill (Lay)  
Ann McKechin (Lay)  
Kam Gohl (Optometrist)  
Philippa Shaw (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Aaminah Khan

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