

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

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F(22)03

AND

Naseem Suleman- (SD-7278)

**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 take commence at 9:30am on these dates:

Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 September 2022, and on **Monday 26 – Friday 30 September 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 **Naseem Suleman** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Head of Hearings, General Optical Council

22-06-24

ALLEGATION

1. On or around 8 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited ([redacted]), you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989; to;

a. Patient 1:

2. On or around 15 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited ([redacted]), you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989;

a. Patient 2; and/or

b. Patient 3; and/or

c. Patient 4; and/or

3. On or around 14 September 2019 at [redacted] Specsavers Limited ([redacted]), you carried out restricted activities as a dispensing optician whilst unregistered to Patient 7, contrary to section 25(1) and/or 27(1) of the Opticians Act 1989

4. On or around 8 September 2019, you provided [redacted] Specsavers Limited ([redacted]) with the registration number 'D-19364' despite knowing that this was not your temporary registration number given to you by the GOC

5. On or around 14 September 2019, you provided [redacted] Specsavers Limited ([redacted]) with the registration number 'D-17337' despite knowing that this was not your temporary registration number given to you by the GOC

6. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was inappropriate in that:

a. you knew that you had given [redacted] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician;

b. you knew that you had given [redacted] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician

7. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was misleading in that:

a. you knew that you had given [redacted] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician;

b. you knew that you had given [redacted] a different registration number in an attempt to conceal that you were an unregistered dispensing optician;

8. Your conduct at (4) and/or (5) above was dishonest in that:

a. you attempted to deceive [redacted] by submitting a different registration number to appear as a fully qualified Dispensing Optician when you were not;

b. you attempted to deceive [redacted] by submitting a different registration number to appear as a fully qualified Dispensing Optician when you were not;

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

Committee Members: (Lay) TBC
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(Dispensing Optician) TBC
(Dispensing Optician) TBC

Legal Adviser: [TBC]

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.