

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

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**F(23)17**

**AND**

**BHAVIK GANDHI (01-32156)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
APD 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.

An APD substantive hearing will be proceeding:

**Remotely**

The APD substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Tuesday 26 September – Wednesday 27 September 2023** 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 **Bhavik Gandhi** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Vineeta Desai  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**20 June 2023**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Bhavik Gandhi, a registered Optometrist:

1. Between March 2021 and April 2022, while working at [redacted] Vision Plus Limited; you made 14 separate false claims to your retail director, as set out in Appendix A, for bonus figures, totalling £2,811.33, to which you were not entitled.
2. Your actions, as set out above were dishonest, in that you knew you were not entitled to the sums you had claimed.

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

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**Committee Members:** TBC (Lay)  
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**Legal Adviser:** TBC

**Hearings Officer:** TBC

**Transcribers:** Marten Walsh Cherer Limited

Details of the confirmed Committee will be shared in due course.

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