

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

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**FOURTH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
30 AUGUST 2023**

**PRIVATE HEARING
Hearing on the papers**

Name of Registrant: Matthew Bickerstaffe

Registration number: 01-19063

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 22 December 2021 for a period of 18 months. The order was extended by the High Court in 2023 until 20 June 2024.

On 24 May 2022, 21 October 2022, 30 March 2023 and 30 August 2023 the Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed and determined to maintain the current order of suspension.

The order will be reviewed within six 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.