

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

GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

F(21)21

AND

SANIA SHAH - (01-27936)

**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:

Blended hearing

This means part of the hearing will be held physically in person and part of the hearing will be held remotely via video conference facilities.

The substantive hearing will take place on:

Physically – **16 August 2022, at the GOC at 9:30am.**

Remotely – **15 and 17-26 August 2022**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Sania Shah** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

31 March 2022

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Miss Sania Batool Shah (01-27936), a registered optometrist:

- 1. Between 5 October 2015 and 5 September 2016, and while working as a locum optometrist at [redacted] Specsavers, you received gross pay of £32,400 from Specsavers as arranged by Registrant B;*
- 2. Between 5 October 2015 and 5 September 2016, you repaid that £32,400 to Registrant B either in cash payments or by buying him goods of equivalent value for him;*
- 3. Your conduct as set out at Allegation 1 was dishonest in that you knew that your hours worked for [redacted] Specsavers did not entitle you to gross pay of £32,400;*
- 4. Your conduct as set out at Allegation 2 was dishonest in that you knew or suspected that you were concerned in an arrangement that facilitated the acquisition and retention by Registrant B of money that he had dishonestly taken from Specsavers.*

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

Committee Members: TBC (Lay)
TBC (Lay)
TBC (Lay)
TBC (Optometrist)
TBC (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: TBC

Hearings Officer: TBC

Transcribers: Marten Walsh Cherer Limited

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