

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

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F(21)31

AND

MARY DOCHERTY (01-14899)

NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW 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 review hearing will commence at **09:30** on **Wednesday 24 May 2023** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Committee will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Mary Docherty** is impaired and what, if any, further action should be taken on the Registrant's registration.

You have the right to attend the hearing and be represented in accordance with rule 21 of the Fitness to Practise Rules 2013.

If you do not attend and are not represented at the hearing, the Fitness to Practise Committee may nevertheless proceed if the conditions set out in Rule 22 are satisfied. An application will be made for the hearing to proceed in your absence. That could lead to the allegations being proved and action being taken against your registration without you having the opportunity to address the Committee. The Committee has the power to take a number of actions against your registration, namely to fine you, to suspend you from practising, to place conditions on your registration or to erase you from the register.

You also have the right to adduce evidence in accordance with Rule 46 and to call and cross-examine witnesses.

The Committee's powers of disposal are set out in sections 13F to 13I.

Vineeta Desai
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

02 February 2023

To:

Ms Joy Nwakaeze/Ms Kayleigh Allen
Fitness to Practise

Mr Sharanjit Sura
Registrant's Solicitor

Ms Mary Docherty (01-14899)
Registrant

Committee Members: Sara Fenoughty (Chair)
Jackie Alexander (Lay)
Sarah Hamilton (Lay)
Caroline Clark (Optometrist)
Danielle Ellis (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: David Mason

Hearings Officer: TBC

If you have any objections concerning any member of the Committee, you should contact the Hearings Manager at the earliest opportunity.

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