

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

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**F(23)21**

**AND**

**PRIYAL PATEL - (01-24061)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
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.

A substantive hearing will be proceeding:

**Remotely**

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **26 October – 3 November and 8 – 10 November 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 **Priyal Patel 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

**9 August 2023**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Priyal Patel (01-24061), a registered Optometrist:

1. On 1 May 2021, you attended [redacted] Opticians [redacted], where you were a locum optometrist, while [redacted]; and/or
2. You have the [redacted] as set out at Schedule A.

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

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**Committee Members:** Rachel O’Connell (Lay)  
Diane Roskilly (Lay)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Ann Barett (Optometrist)  
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)

**Clinical Adviser:** TBC

**Legal Adviser:** TBC

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**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](mailto:hearings@optical.org).