

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

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**5TH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW SUMMARY
01 February 2024**

PRIVATE HEARING

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, 30 August 2023 and 1 February 2024 the Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed and determined to maintain the current order of suspension.

The Committee notes that the order is due to expire on 20 June 2024, and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the order is extended by the Courts, a review will be held within 3 months of the date of the extension.