

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

**IO(23)13**

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**1<sup>st</sup> INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
15 FEBRUARY 2024**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Rajeev Saigal

**Registration number:** 01-32137

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 8 September 2023 for a period of 18 months.

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed and determined to continue the interim order of conditions with variation on Thursday 15 February 2024.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 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.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

1.1 Informing others	You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.  a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).  b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.  c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.  d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.
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<p>1.2 Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</li> <li>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</li> <li>c. You cease working.</li> </ul> <p>This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/ contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.</p>
<p>1.3 Supervision of Conditions</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify workplace supervisors who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions. They must all be registered optometrists.</li> <li>b. Ask the GOC to approve all your workplace supervisors within 28 days of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask us to approve all your workplace supervisors before you start work.</li> <li>c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by a proposed supervisor.</li> <li>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisors and remain under their supervision for the duration of these conditions.</li> <li>e. At least once a month meet your supervisor, either in person or remotely, to review compliance with your conditions.</li> <li>f. The supervisors reports must be made available every three months, or upon request of the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions they are monitoring.</li> <li>g. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to any of your supervisors and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.</li> </ul>
<p>1.4 Other proceedings</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>

<p>1.5 Registration requirements</p>	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or</li> <li>b. Renew your registration annually.</li> </ol>
<p>2. Patient records</p>	<p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Within one month of these conditions taking effect, arrange for at least one workplace supervisor to review each month no less than 10 randomly selected patient records; and you must discuss with the workplace supervisor(s) the tests you have undertaken with the selected patients and the importance of accurate record keeping.</li> <li>b. At least two weeks before each review hearing, provide the GOC with a detailed written report from each of your workplace supervisors about :-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your compliance with these conditions;</li> <li>• summarising your supervision discussions;</li> <li>• setting out their views on the quality of your clinical practice and your patient record keeping.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>