

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

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AND

AVELINE IYAMIDE HORTON (01-12451)

PRIVATE HEARING

**APPLICATION FOR ADJOURNMENT: PROCEDURAL HEARING DIRECTIONS
15 FEBRUARY 2011**

On 15 February 2011, the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council met to consider allegations against Aveline Iyamide Horton.

APPLICATION

An application to adjourn this hearing was made by Mr Singh, on behalf of the registrant; the Council took a neutral view on this application.

The Committee has accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

Redacted.

The Committee was referred to Rule 32 of the Fitness to Practise Rules 2005. This rule applies to copies of any statements or reports made by witnesses and copies of any documentary evidence upon which the registrant or the presenting officer intend to rely and provides that each party shall, no later than 14 days before the date fixed for the substantive hearing provide to the other the copies of documents to which this rule applies.

Quite clearly this has not happened in this case. Having heard the submission from Mr Singh the Committee is satisfied that the registrant is not able to present her case adequately and properly today. In these circumstances the Committee is satisfied that the application for an adjournment must be allowed.

The resumed hearing in this matter will take place on 8-10 June 2011.

AGREED DIRECTIONS

1. Redacted
2. The registrant to serve on the Council any expert evidence and any factual evidence by **21 April 2011**.
3. Redacted.
4. Both parties to serve on each other any addendum expert reports by **20 May 2011**.

Chairman of the Committee: Margaret Hallendorff

Signed _____

Date 15 February 2011