

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

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AND

IQBAL NABI (D-11818)

**DETERMINATION OF A 4th REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER
15 AUGUST 2011**

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The Committee is satisfied that all reasonable efforts have been made to notify the registrant of the hearing. The Committee further determined that it would be in the public interest for the hearing to proceed in the registrant's absence. The registrant's solicitors have indicated that he is aware of the hearing but does not wish to attend because he does not oppose the continuation of the order.

Decision

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed an interim suspension order made 21 December 2009 in respect of Iqbal Nabi; the order being for 18 months in duration. Following a High Court application order on 24 May 2011, the order was extended until 19 June 2012.

The Committee has conducted a full review of the case today, and notes that since the previous review hearing the CPS had decided to take action against the registrant. He has been charged and appeared at the Magistrates Court on 1 April 2011. The Magistrates referred the case to the Crown Court for trial due to the seriousness of the matters of this case. Apart from this there has been little change since the last hearing. The Committee notes that the registrant does not oppose the continuation of the order.

The Committee is satisfied that at present it remains necessary for the protection of the public, and is in the wider public interest, to continue the present interim suspension order for the same reasons as the order was continued on the last occasion.

The order will be 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.

Chairman of the Committee: Lady Margret Wall

Signed _____

Date 15 August 2011