

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

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**IO(10)08**

**AND**

**SEAN BLAIN (D-7211)**

**PRIVATE HEARING**

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**DETERMINATION OF A 1<sup>ST</sup> REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER  
18 MAY 2011**

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On 18 May 2011 the Fitness to Practise Committee considered a first review of an Interim Order which was made on 26 November 2010.

**Decision**

The Committee has decided to continue the conditions with one variation.

The Committee has comprehensively reviewed the registrant's case today in the light of the current circumstances. **Redacted.**

Since that time there have been some positive developments. **Redacted.**

The Committee is encouraged by the progress that has been made since the last hearing **redacted.** However, it is far too early to be confident that the problem is under control. The Committee cannot agree with the submission of Mr Graham on behalf of the registrant that the interim order could now be lifted. **Redacted.** It would not be safe to allow the registrant to resume unrestricted practice.

The Committee commends the registrant for the efforts he is now making to bring his problems under control. It urges him to continue with the present arrangements which seem to be working well **redacted.** When he has demonstrated a sustained period of recovery, it may be safe to ease the restrictions on his practice.

The Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to continue the present order for conditions for the protection of members of the public and in the registrant's own interests.

**Redacted.**

The conditions will be varied to read as follows:

1. You must notify the Registrar within 14 days of commencement of any professional appointment you accept whilst you are subject to these conditions (this includes any teaching posts) and provide contact details of your employer and if providing ophthalmic services under a NHS contract, the PCT on whose ophthalmic practitioners list you will be included (this includes any equivalent employer in the EC).
2. You must inform the Registrar within 14 days of any criminal convictions, police cautions or formal disciplinary proceedings taken against you from the date of this determination.
3. You must inform the Registrar:
  - a. If you cease working;
  - b. If your work takes you out of the UK for a significant period of time; or
  - c. Of any employment you apply for outside of the UK (and in which countries) as conditions of registration only apply to practice undertaken in the UK (you must consider whether your time out of work or out of the UK will allow you to fulfil the conditions during the period of conditional registration). The Registrar may inform the relevant competent authorities in that country of your current conditions of UK registration
4. You must continue to fulfil the CET requirements under the GOC CET scheme to secure appropriate points for continued inclusion on the GOC register.
5. You must ensure that your GOC registration is renewed by 15 March annually while you are subject to the GOC FTP conditional registration procedures. Should you fail to renew your registration a review hearing will be arranged immediately.
6. Redacted.
7. Redacted.
8. Redacted.
9. Redacted.

The above conditions will apply with immediate effect.

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: Francesca Jones**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date 18 May 2011