

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

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AND

SEAN BLAIN (D-7211)

PRIVATE HEARING

**DETERMINATION OF A 2nd REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER
16 NOVEMBER 2011**

On 16 November 2011 the Fitness to Practise Committee considered a second review of an Interim Order which was made on 26 November 2010 and reviewed on 18 May 2011.

Decision

The Committee has decided to continue the present conditions.

The Committee has comprehensively reviewed the registrant's case today in the light of the current circumstances. As was noted at the last hearing, **redacted**.

The Committee that reviewed this order in May 2011 noted that there had been positive developments. This Committee also considers that progress appears still to be evident, **redacted**. However the Committee is conscious that there continue to be **redacted** and that no up to date **redacted** evidence is at present available.

It is the Committee's view that the picture is not at present sufficiently conclusive to relax or revoke the existing conditions. The Committee has considered the impact of these conditions on the registrant; he is presently able to work. In view of the risks associated **redacted** the Committee is satisfied that it is necessary for the protection of the public and is in the interests of the registrant for the present conditions to remain in force.

The Committee notes that it would be most helpful to any future Committee considering this case to have available to it up to date medical evidence including **redacted** evidence.

The conditions will remain 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 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: Corinna Kershaw

Signed _____

Date 16 November 2011