

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

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**FIFTH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW (HOP)  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
17 MARCH 2020**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Arminder Panesar

**Registration number:** 01-18143

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:**

The Fitness to Practise Committee imposed an Interim Order of Conditional registration on 13 February 2018. The conditions were varied at the first review hearing on 7 August 2019 and again on the third review on 26 July 2019. On 8 October 2019 and 17 March 2020, the Committee determined to maintain the existing Interim Order of Conditional registration without variation.

The Committee notes that the order is due to expire on 11 August 2020 and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the order is extended by the Courts, a review will be held within 3 months of the date of the extension.

The conditions are as follows below:

<p>1</p>	<p>You must place yourself and remain under the direct supervision of a specified workplace supervisor, approved by the Council, who will be present in the room to observe all your optometric examinations/assessments and will monitor your performance in relation to the following specified areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History taking</li> <li>• Clinical examinations</li> <li>• Standard of record keeping</li> <li>• Clinical decision making</li> <li>• Hygiene and infection control</li> </ul> <p>In addition, you must provide the Council with reports from your supervisor every three months, detailing your performance in each and all of the foregoing areas.</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Informing others</p>	<p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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).</li> <li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li> <li>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</li> <li>d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</li> </ol>
<p>3</p> <p>Employment and work</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ol 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> </ol> <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>

4 Other proceedings	You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.
5 Registration requirements	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or</li><li>b. Renew your registration annually.</li></ul>