SECOND REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
26 FEBRUARY 2019

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Stephen Cohen
Registration number: D-2751
Professional status: Dispensing Optician
Area of registered address: Manchester

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to replace the current interim order of suspension with an interim order of conditional registration.

The order will be further 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.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

1. Informing others

   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.

   1. 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).

   2. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.

   3. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
4. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.

2. Employment and work

You must inform the GOC if:

1. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.

2. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.

3. You cease working.

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.

3. Supervision of Conditions

You must:

1. Identify a workplace supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with number 6 of these conditions.

2. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor within 14 days of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.

3. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor.

4. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.

5. At least once a month, meet your supervisor to review compliance with your conditions.

6. At least every three months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your supervisor to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring.

7. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.

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

You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.

A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:

1. Fulfil all CET requirements; or
2. Renew your registration annually.

6. Restriction on practice

You must restrict your practice as a Contact Lens Optician to male patients over the age of 16 years.