

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

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GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

AND

TRACY DERMOTT (D-15245)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

COVID-19

In following Government advice, physical hearings will no longer take place at our London office.

Take notice that an inquiry will be conducted in the above matter by the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council. A substantive hearing will commence at **09:00 hrs** on **Wednesday 26 – Thursday 27 August 2020** and will therefore take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Ms Tracy Dermott** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

David Reeder
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

9 July 2020

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Tracy Dermott (D-15245), a registered dispensing optician:

1. On 12 April 2013 you received a caution for common assault contrary to Criminal Justice Act 1988 section 39
2. On 13 February 2017 you were convicted at **redacted** for driving a motor vehicle on a road after **redacted**, Contrary to section 5(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988
3. You failed to declare your conviction at allegation 2 above to the GOC when applying to retain your registration with the GOC:
 - a) In 2017 and/or;
 - b) In 2018

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of a misconduct, caution and conviction.

Committee Members: Mr J Kellock (Lay)
Ms A McFarlane (Lay)
Mr N Pikington (Lay)
Mr I Taylor (Dispensing Optician)
Ms S Baylay (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: [Name]

Hearings Officer: TBC

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.