

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

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**F(19)11**

**AND**

**SHAHID NAZIR (01-20683)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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**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 be held at will commence at **09:00 hrs** on **Monday 14 September 2020 – Wednesday 16 September 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 **Shahid Nazir** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

## ALLEGATION (as amended)

That you a registered optometrist whilst working at [REDACTED]:

1. Failed to undertake an adequate examination of Patient A (3) and/or make an adequate record of the appointment on 16 July 2016 in that you:
  - a. Did not ~~adequately assess and/or~~ make an adequate record in respect of the following:
    - i. Signs and symptoms and/or history;
    - ii. Lens hygiene regimen;
  - b. Made a contradictory record in respect of the following:
    - i. Limbus;
    - ii. Conjunctiva;
  - c. Did not undertake a fluorescein check;
  - d. Inserted an entry into the records which included 'no corneal stain' and/or 'no stain' which indicated that a fluorescein check had been undertaken when no such check(s) had been undertaken by you;
  - e. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were misleading;
  - f. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were dishonest in that you intended to convey to others that you had undertaken a fluorescein check when you had not;
2. Failed to undertake an adequate examination of Patient B (4) and/or make an adequate record of the appointment on 17 August 2016 in that you:
  - a. Did not ~~adequately assess and/or~~ make any or any adequate record in respect of the following:
    - i. Signs and symptoms and/or history;
    - ii. Lens hygiene regimen;
    - iii. Over refraction;
  - b. Made a contradictory record in respect of the following:
    - i. Limbus;
    - ii. Conjunctiva;
  - c. Did not undertake a fluorescein check;
  - d. Inserted an entry into the records which included 'no corneal stain' and/or 'no stain' and/or 'clear no staining' which indicated that a fluorescein check had been undertaken when no such check(s) had been undertaken by you;
  - e. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were misleading;

- f. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were dishonest in that you intended to convey to others that you had undertaken a fluorescein check when you had not;
3. Failed to undertake an adequate examination of Patient C (5) and/or make an adequate record of the appointment on 27 July 2016 in that you:
  - a. Did not adequately assess and/ or make an adequate record in respect of the following:
    - i. Lens wearing time;
    - ii. Signs and symptoms;
      - iii. Over refraction;
      - iv. Lens fit;
      - v. Lens hygiene regimen;
  - b. Made a contradictory record in respect of the following:
    - i. Limbus;
    - ii. Conjunctiva;
  - c. Did not undertake a fluorescein check;
  - d. Inserted an entry into the records which included 'no corneal stain' and/or 'no stain' which indicated that a fluorescein check had been undertaken when no such check(s) had been undertaken by you;
  - e. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were misleading;
  - f. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were dishonest in that you intended to convey to others that you had undertaken a fluorescein check when you had not;
4. Failed to undertake an adequate examination of Patient D (9) and/or make an adequate record of the appointment on 27 July 2016 in that you:
  - a. Did not ~~adequately assess and/ or~~ make an adequate record in respect of the following:
    - i. Signs and symptoms and/or history;
    - ~~ii. Lens hygiene regimen; [withdrawn]~~
  - b. Made a contradictory record in respect of the following:
    - i. Limbus;
    - ii. Conjunctiva;
  - c. Did not undertake a fluorescein check;
  - d. Inserted an entry into the records which included 'no corneal stain' and/or 'no stain' and/or 'clear c NaFl' which indicated that a fluorescein check had been undertaken when no such check(s) had been undertaken by you;
  - e. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were misleading;

- f. In respect of (d) the entry or entries that you made were dishonest in that you intended to convey to others that you had undertaken a fluorescein check when you had not;
5. On one or more occasions, excluding those occasions as set out at allegations 1-4 above:
  - a. You inserted an entry into the records of a patient or patients which indicated that a fluorescein check had been undertaken by you when in fact no such check had been undertaken by you;
  - b. The entry or entries referred to at (a) that you made above were misleading;
  - c. The entry or entries referred to at (a) above were dishonest in that you intended to convey to others that you had undertaken a fluorescein check when you had not.

In light of the facts set out above, your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your misconduct.

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**Committee Members:**

Ms Sara Fenoughty (Lay)

Ms Rachel O'Connell (Lay)

Ms Anne Johnstone (Lay)

Ms Linda Troy (Optometrist)

Dr Ewen MacMillan (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:**

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