

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

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**FIFTH INTERIM ORDER  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
20 FEBRUARY 2020**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Manmohan Virdee

**Registration number:** 01-22156

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee imposed an interim order of conditional registration on 29 January 2018 for a period of 18 months. The order was reviewed and continued at the subsequent review hearings. On 8 July 2019, the Committee determined to vary the interim order of conditional registration. The interim Order was extended by the High Court on 10 July 2019.

At its review on 16 September 2019, the Committee determined that the interim order should continue.

On the 20 February 2020, the Committee determined that the interim order should continue.

The Committee notes that the Order is due to expire on 28 July 2020 and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if an extension is ordered by the Courts, a review will be heard within 3 months of the date of the extension

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

1. You must continue to remain under the supervision of a professional colleague nominated with the agreement of the GOC who should continue to monitor your conditions and provide 3 monthly reports on the matters set out below. In the event of a change of nominated colleague, you must furnish the Registrar with the full contact details within 21 days of that event of a succeeding professional colleague who would be prepared to monitor your conditions and provide reports to the Registrar every three months.

You must continue to allow your nominated professional colleague to review a random selection of all your patient records each month. These must comprise no less than 10 each month, and should number no more than 20 per month.

You must continue to meet with your nominated professional colleague at least every two months to discuss the content of a random sample of 5 sight tests, with particular reference to the following:

- The history of the patient;
- The nature of the sight test undertaken and its relevance to the presenting condition of the patient;
- The recorded decision-making of the Registrant in relation to each patient;
- Any investigation recommended to be undertaken, or not, in relation to each sight test with particular reference to visual field tests.

The three-monthly reports should comment either positively or negatively specifically on these areas in respect of the selected sight tests.

2. The GOC will enter these conditions against your name in the register save any conditions which relate to your health. You must allow the Registrar to share any information, including confidential information, with any employer, supervisor, professional colleague or any organisation for which you provide ophthalmic services for the duration of your conditional registration.

You must also allow the Registrar to share this information with other regulatory bodies and the Department of Health.

3. 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 NHS ophthalmic services, the NHS Body on whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you will be included (this includes any equivalent employer in the EC).
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. You must continue to fulfil the CET requirements under the GOC CET scheme to secure appropriate points for continued inclusion on the GOC register.
7. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditional registration:
  - a) Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to undertake ophthalmic services (to include any locum agency);
  - b) Any prospective employer (whether within the UK or EC);
  - c) Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee;
  - d) The NHS Body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or seeking inclusion.
8. 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.