
**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
20 JULY 2020**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: David Baker

Registration number: (01-14071)

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 3 February 2020 for a period of 18 months. On 20 July 2020 at the first review the Fitness to Practise Committee continued the order imposed.

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:

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| <p>A1.1</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"> 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). b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK. c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services. d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion. |
| <p>A1.2</p> <p>employment and work</p> | <p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services. b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK. c. You cease working. <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> |

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| <p>A1.3 Supervision of Conditions</p> | <p>You must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Identify a supervisor who is either an experienced optometrist or ophthalmologist, who has specialised in laser eye correction, who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions, in particular sub-paragraph d below. b. Ask the GOC to approve your supervisor within two weeks of the date this order takes effect. c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor. d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions. In particular, the supervisor should assess your management and oversight of your practice in relation to patients who undergo laser eye surgery, their aftercare, the detection of post-operative infections, referrals to secondary care, and the manner in which you ensure the safety of patients. This assessment of the Registrant's overall practise generally, should be done in conjunction with the requirement in A4.4 to review records of 10 patients relating to the above issues. e. Meet your supervisor to review compliance with your conditions, the next such meeting to take place before 30/09/2020 and the second meeting to take place before 30/11/2020. f. Following every meeting with your supervisor 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, to be received by the GOC within 14 days of the meeting. g. 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. |
| <p>A1.4 Other proceedings</p> | <p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p> |
| <p>A1.5 Registration requirements</p> | <p>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:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or b. Renew your registration annually. |

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| <p>A4.4 Assessment of records</p> | <p>You must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Arrange for the supervisor to review 10 randomly selected patient records relating to patients who undertook laser eye surgery since 17 June 2020, within the specified period, as selected by your supervisor, of these conditions taking effect. b. At least 2 weeks before the next review hearing, provide the GOC with a written report from the supervisor, setting out his views on the quality of the records he reviewed. |
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