BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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AND

MARK TROUGHTON (D-13122)

DETERMINATION – 2nd SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW
15 OCTOBER 2018

Committee Members: Ms S Gimson (Chair)
Mr D Brown (Lay)
Ms K King (Lay)
Mr M Chatham (Dispensing Optician)
Ms J Ames (Dispensing Optician)

Legal adviser: Dr H Helmi

GOC Presenting Officer: Ms Charlotte Watts

Registrant: Present

Registrant representative: Unrepresented

Hearings Officer: Miss J Alvarado

Outcome: Order of Conditions to take effect on expiry of current Order.

DETERMINATION

Proceeding in Private
Ms Watts on behalf of the Council applied for the hearing to proceed wholly in private, [Redacted]. The Registrant did not object to this course of action. The Committee accepted the advice of the Legal Adviser.

[Redacted]

The Committee concluded [Redacted], the whole of the hearing will be held in private.

Findings regarding Impairment

[Redacted].

The Committee therefore decided that the Registrant's fitness to practise remains impaired [Redacted].

Sanction

[Redacted]. The Committee decided to impose the Conditions for a further period of 12 months in order [Redacted].

This Order of Conditions will take effect on the expiry of the existing Order of Conditions.

Review

A review hearing will be held between four and six weeks prior to the expiration of this order. The Review committee will need to be satisfied that the Conditions imposed have been complied with.

LIST OF CONDITIONS

1. 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.
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 service, whether or not in the UK.

2. You must inform the GOC if:

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.

The information must include the contact details of your prospective employer / contract and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.

3. You must:

a. Identify a workplace supervisor who would be willing to co-ordinate with all your part time optical employers and monitor your compliance with these conditions.

b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor within four weeks of the date this order takes effect.

c. Identify an alternative supervisor if the GOC does not agree to you being monitored by the proposed supervisor.

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

e. At least every six months, and at least four weeks before any review, or upon the request of the GOC, to obtain a written report from your supervisor detailing your health and presentation at work, and provide the same to the GOC.

f. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor.
4. You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.

Chair of the Committee: Ms S Gimson

Signature .......................................................... Date:

Registrant: Mr M Troughton

Signature .......................................................... Date: