

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

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F(23)43

AND

AYESHA MAHMOOD (01-38546)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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 proceeding:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 18 March – Wednesday 27 March 2024** 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 **Ayesha Mahmood** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Louise Hall
Operations Manager (Hearings), General Optical Council

19 February 2024

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Ayesha Mahmood (01-38546), a registered optometrist:

- 1) On or around 14 June 2022, you conducted a sight test on Patient A and you:
 - a. Failed to identify that Patient A had a prosthetic left eye;
 - b. Failed to adequately examine Patient A's left eye in that you:
 - i. Failed to record the recent ocular history of Patient A left eye;
 - ii. Incorrectly recorded 'NPL' or no perception of light as the vision status in Patient A's left eye;
 - iii. Incorrectly recorded 'NMD' (no movement detected) for distance and near;
 - iv. Incorrectly recorded 'sluggish' and 'LE RAPD' (left eye relative afferent pupillary defect);
 - v. Incorrectly recorded anterior chamber (AC) as being 'quiet';
 - vi. Incorrectly recorded iris rubeosis;
 - vii. Incorrectly recorded no view of fundus opaque lens;
 - c. Failed to provide either a signed, written prescription for an optical appliance or a signed, written statement that Patient A does not need to wear or use an optical appliance as required by section 26 of the Opticians Act 1989;
- 2) Your record of Patient A's eye assessment as set out at 1) b) ii, 1) b) iii, 1) b) iv), 1) b) v), 1) b) vi) and/or 1) b) vii above, was incorrect as Patient A's left eye was eviscerated;

And by virtue of the facts set out above, your fitness to undertake training is impaired by reason of your misconduct.

Committee Members: Hermione McEwen (Lay)
Kevin Connolly (Lay)
Carolyn Tetlow (Lay)
Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)
David Cartwright (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Ashraf Khan

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