

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

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AND

SAMANTHA WALL - (D-15166)

**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 **Thursday 29 – Friday 30 January 2026** 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 **Samantha Wall** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Taz Chisango
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council
12 January 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Samantha Wall (D-15166), a registered dispensing optician:

1. On or around 1 August 2024, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you:

- a) took £550.55 from the company cash safe and only deposited £50.55 into the business bank account;*
- b) retained the remaining cash of £500;*
- c) amended the store copy of the bank giro to show that £550.55 had been deposited into the business bank account, when only £50.55 had been deposited;*

2. Between 30 December 2019 and 23 October 2023, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you:

- a) purchased 10 iPads totalling, £5,359.90, through the business account and did not declare these iPads;*
- b) resold the 10 iPads and kept the proceeds for yourself;*

3. Between 5 October 2022 and 16 August 2024, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you were responsible for banking shortfalls totalling £1,327.30;

4. Between 1 August 2022 and 31 August 2024, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you submitted duplicate expense claims totalling £258.26;

5. Between 1 August 2023 to 10 August 2024, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you submitted duplicate claims through petty cash totalling £121.94;

6. Between 1 August 2023 to 10 August 2024, while employed as a director of Specsavers, [redacted], you took money from petty cash totalling £744.

7. Your conduct as set out at 1 above was dishonest in that you:

- a. deliberately sought to retain a cash deposit that you knew you were not entitled to;*
- b. knowingly created a false store copy of the bank giro*

8. Your conduct as set out at 2 above was dishonest in that you knowingly purchased 10 iPads through the business to sell and make a financial gain.

9. Your conduct as set out at 3 and/or 4 and/or 5 and/or 6 above was dishonest in that you knowingly took money from the business, which you were not entitled to, and/or submitted duplicate petty cash and expense claims.

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

Committee Members: Sarah Hamilton (Chair/Lay)
Miriam Karp (Lay)
Mark Richards (Lay)
Jill Perry (Dispensing Optician)
Phil Cross (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser: Aaminah Khan

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