

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

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F(25)12

AND

DYLAN CHAHAL (01-45131)

**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 commence at 9:30am on **Monday 20 October – Wednesday 22 October 2025** 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 **Dylan Chahal** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

19 September 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Dylan Chahal a registered student optometrist:

- 1) *On 8 February 2022, at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, you were convicted of road traffic offences, namely:*
 - a) *on 26/06/2021 at Walsall in the county of West Midlands drove a mechanically propelled vehicle, namely a VAUXHALL CORSA index [REDACTED], on a road, namely [REDACTED] without due care and attention Contrary to section 3 of the Road Traffic Act and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988;*
 - b) *on 26/06/2021 at Walsall in the county of West Midlands drove a mechanically propelled vehicle, namely a VAUXHALL CORSA index [REDACTED] owing to the presence of which on a road, namely [REDACTED] an accident occurred whereby damage was caused to another vehicle, namely THE V1 DRIVER (VAUXHALL REDACTED), COLLIDED WITH V2 (PEUGEOT VRM REDACTED), LEFT THE SCENE WITHOUT EXHANGING DETAILS, failed to stop contrary to section 170(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988;*
 - c) *on 26/06/2021 at Walsall in the county of West Midlands being the driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle, namely VAUXHALL CORSA index [REDACTED], owing to the presence of which on a road or other public place, namely [REDACTED], an accident occurred whereby damage was caused to another vehicle, namely PEUGEOT VRM REDACTED, and not having given his name and address to a person having reasonable grounds for requiring him to do so, failed to report the accident at a police station or to a constable as soon as was reasonably practicable, and in any case within twenty-four hours of the occurrence of the accident Contrary to section 170(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988;*
- 2) *You failed to declare the convictions set out at 1 above to the Council on your application for retention to the register of student optometrists dated 15 July 2022;*
- 3) *You failed to declare the convictions set out at 1 above to the Council on your application for retention to the register of student optometrists dated 14 July 2023;*
- 4) *Your conduct as set out at 2 and 3 above was:*
 - a) *misleading; and/or*
 - b) *dishonest in that you knowingly failed to declare your convictions.*

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

- a. *convictions as set out at 1 above;*
- b. *misconduct as set out at 2 and 3 above.*

Committee Members: Louise Fox (Chair/Lay)
Lisa Hill (Lay)
Amanda Webster (Lay)
Ann Barrett (Optometrist)
Iftab Akram (Optometrist)

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