

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

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AND

MICHAEL BEARD (01-16313)

**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW
11 FEBRUARY 2026**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Michael Beard

Registration number: 01-16313

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 12 September 2025 for a period of 12 months.

On 11 February 2026, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain the current interim order of suspension.

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.