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

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**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW**
**DETERMINATION SUMMARY**
**30 OCTOBER 2026**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant**: Andrew Matheson

**Registration number**: 01-17378

**Professional status**: Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order**: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 03 June 2026 for a period of 18 months.

On 30 October 2026 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain the current interim order of conditional registration.

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.

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 services, whether or not in the UK.

   c. The Chair of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.

d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.

2) You must inform the GOC within two weeks 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.

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

3) You must:

a. In consultation with the Chair of your Local Optometric Committee or a workplace supervisor/professional colleague, identify an independent assessor who is sufficiently experienced in IPL treatment and the treatment of glaucoma, and who is willing to review a random selection of your patient records.

b. Ask the GOC to approve the independent assessor within four weeks of the date this order takes effect.

c. Identify another independent assessor if the GOC does not agree to the individual nominated by you to be the independent assessor.

d. Arrange for the assessor to review twenty randomly selected patient records per month, beginning within two months of these conditions taking effect.

e. At least one month before the next review hearing, provide the GOC with a written report from the independent assessor, setting out their views on the quality of the records he reviewed.