BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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AND

HASMITA SHAH - (01-13107)

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 **Thursday 12 November – Friday 20 November 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 **Hasmita Shah** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

25 September 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Hasmita Shah (01-13107), a registered Optometrist, whilst working at Boots Opticians, [redacted]:

1. *On or around 19 June 2023 whilst attending on Patient A you failed to:*

    a. *Identify two choroidal lesions on the fundus image of Patient A's right eye;*
    b. *Identify that the finding of two choroidal lesions in Patient A's right eye was suspicious;*
    c. *Identify sub-retinal fluid present on the OCT image of Patient A's right eye;*
    d. *Identify that the finding of sub-retinal fluid present in Patient A's right eye was suspicious;*
    e. *Consider the potential underlying causes of two choroidal lesions being present in Patient A's right eye;*
    f. *Consider the potential underlying causes of sub-retinal fluid being present in Patient A's right eye;*
    g. *Identify Patient A's abnormal fundus features and therefore demonstrate sufficient knowledge of retinal pathology;*
    h. *Accurately record Patient A's symptoms;*
    i. *Refer Patient A for urgent treatment despite this being clinically indicated.*

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

Committee Members:	Remi Alabi (Lay/Chair)
	Carolyn Tetlow (Lay)
	Kevin Connolly (Lay)
	Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)
	Annabelle Magee (Optometrist)
Legal Adviser:	Kelly Thomas
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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.