

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

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**F(24)07**

**AND**

**EMMA TURNER (01-24849)**

**PRIVATE HEARING**

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**DETERMINATION SUMMARY OF A SECOND SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW  
HEARING  
28 JULY 2025**

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<b>Committee Members:</b>	Mr Andy Brennan (Chair/Lay) Mr Ian Hanson (Lay) Mr Ben Summerskill (Lay) Ms Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist) Ms Sarvat Fida (Optometrist)
<b>Clinical adviser:</b>	Dr Jennifer Bearn
<b>Legal adviser:</b>	Ms Aaminah Khan
<b>GOC Presenting Officer:</b>	Ms Leonie Hinds
<b>Registrant present/represented:</b>	Yes and represented
<b>Registrant representative:</b>	Mr Nicholas Hall instructed by Mr Scott Shadbolt (AOP)
<b>Hearings Officer:</b>	Ms Natasha Bance
<b>Impairment:</b>	Not Impaired

## DETERMINATION

### Background

Following a substantive hearing on Monday 8 July - Friday 12 July 2024, it was found that the Registrant's fitness to practise was impaired on the grounds of public protection and in the public interest. The Registrant's registration was made subject to conditions for six months and it was necessary to impose an immediate order.

At the first substantive review on Monday 6 January 2025, the Committee found that the Registrant's fitness to practise was impaired. The existing conditions were continued for a further period of six months.

### Findings regarding impairment

On Monday 28 July 2025, the Committee found that the fitness of Emma Turner to practise as an optometrist is not impaired.

### Declaration

The Committee makes a formal declaration that the Registrant's fitness to practise is no longer impaired. The existing conditions of practice are hereby revoked with immediate effect.

**Chair of the Committee:** Andy Brennan



**Signature**

**Date:** 28 July 2025

**Registrant:** Emma Turner

**Signature** *Present remotely and received via e-mail* **Date:** 28 July 2025

<b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b>
<b>Transcript</b>
A full transcript of the hearing will be made available for purchase in due course.
<b>Appeal</b>
Any appeal against an order of the Committee must be lodged with the relevant court within 28 days of the service of this notification. If no appeal is lodged, the order will take effect at the end of that period. The relevant court is shown at section 23G(4)(a)-(c) of the Opticians Act 1989 (as amended).
<b>Professional Standards Authority</b>
<p>This decision will be reported to the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) under the provisions of section 29 of the NHS Reform and Healthcare Professions Act 2002. PSA may refer this case to the High Court of Justice in England and Wales, the Court of Session in Scotland or the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland as appropriate if they decide that a decision has been insufficient to protect the public and/or should not have been made, and if they consider that referral is desirable for the protection of the public.</p> <p>Where a registrant can appeal against a decision, the Authority has 40 days beginning with the day which is the last day in which you can appeal. Where a registrant cannot appeal against the outcome of a hearing, the Authority's appeal period is 56 days beginning with the day in which notification of the decision was served on you. PSA will notify you promptly of a decision to refer. A letter will be sent by recorded delivery to your registered address (unless PSA has been notified by the GOC of a change of address).</p> <p>Further information about the PSA can be obtained from its website at <a href="http://www.professionalstandards.org.uk">www.professionalstandards.org.uk</a> or by telephone on 020 7389 8030.</p>
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