

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

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**INTERIM ORDER APPLICATION  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
8 DECEMBER 2025**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Paul Ernest

**Registration number:** 01-10111

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 8 December 2025 for a period of 18 months.

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.