

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

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F(25)03

AND

GREGORY LOFTUS-BOYD (01-18394)

**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:

Physical hearing

The substantive hearing will take place at **09:30AM** on **Monday 03 November – Friday 14 November 2025** at the GOC offices: **Level 29, One Canada Square, London, E14 5AA.**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Gregory Loftus-Boyd** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

26 September 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Gregory Loftus-Boyd (01-18394), a registered Optometrist and Director of [redacted]:

1. On an unknown date in 2023 you made comments towards your colleague, Ms A regarding her appearance, in that you:
 - a. Asked Ms A if she was a [redacted] and proceeded to tell her that she looked like one; or words to that effect; and/or
 - b. Said to Ms A “no I think you look like one of those fortune tellers, it’s the earrings, can you tell me the future” or words to that effect; and/or
2. On or around July 2023 you made comments towards your colleague, Ms A, including:
 - a. “when I think of [redacted] it makes my mouth water, like a dog does when they get a treat or a bone” or words to that effect; and/or
 - b. “The fact it’s your last name makes my mouth wetter” or words to that effect;
3. On or around 22 July 2023 during a team meal you made comments towards your colleague, Ms B, including:
 - a. “Did you go too rough with him?” or words to that effect; and/or
 - b. “Did he have to use his safe word?” or words to that effect; and/or
 - c. “You have such small hand, I bet [redacted] loves that?” or words to that effect; and/or
 - d. “So it’s like that, you’re getting things out of him” or words to that effect; and/or
 - e. “Oh is it like that kind of situation, so he’s paying for everything” or words to that effect
4. On or around 23 July 2023, you brought your dog into the store and upon the dog sniffing near Ms B’s private area you made comments, including:
 - a. “No we don’t do that, at least not until the second or third meeting” or words to that effect
5. On or around July 2023 you used your position of authority and requested two subordinates to loan you money, including:
 - a. Asking Mr D a pre-registration Optometrist to loan you £500; and/or
 - b. Asking Ms C an Optometrist to loan you £500; and/or
 - c. You arranged a staff loan for Ms C, signed the agreement with your own name instead of hers, and submitted it as authentic by using your own signature rather than Ms C’s

6. Your conduct at 2(a-b), 3(a-e) and 4(a) above were
 - a. Inappropriate; and/or
 - b. Sexually motivated.
7. Your conduct at 1(a-b) and 5(a-b) above was inappropriate
8. Your conduct at 5(c) above was dishonest

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

Committee Members:

Andy Brennan (Chair)
Mark Richards (Lay)
Asmita Naik (Lay)
Amit Jinabhai (Optometrist)
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)

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