

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

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AND

JAMES REES (D-14085)

PRIVATE HEARING

NOTICE OF SECOND REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER

Take notice that a hearing to review an interim suspension order made on 18 November 2024 in respect of the above registered dispensing optician will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

Hearing on the papers

A second review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Monday 08 September 2025** and **Monday 22 September 2025**. The Registrant will not be invited to attend.

Live Hearing

If the Registrant objects to the case being heard on the papers it will be heard at a live hearing. The following will apply:

A second review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Monday 22 September 2025 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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