

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

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AND

GERAINT GRIFFITHS (01-10586)

**NOTICE OF INQUIRY
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING (RESUMING)**

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 resuming:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will take commence at 9:30am on the below mentioned dates by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

- **Monday 05 January 2026**
- **Wednesday 07 January – Monday 12 January 2026**
- **Wednesday 14 January – Monday 19 January 2026**
- **Wednesday 21 January 2026**
- **Wednesday 25 February – Friday 27 February 2026**

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

ALLEGATION (As amended)

The Council alleges that you Mr Geraint Griffiths (01-10586), a registered Optometrist:

- 1. Misdiagnosed Patient 1 with divergence insufficiency and/or convergence excess and/or accommodation insufficiency between 30 June 2020 and 25 November 2022 inclusive.*
- 2. Prescribed Patient 1 spectacles with varifocal lenses and/or prisms when it was not clinically indicated to do between 30 June 2020 and 25 November 2022 inclusive.*
- 3. Failed to record, adequately or at all, the assessment of Patient 1's binocular vision between 30 June 2020 and 25 November 2022 inclusive.*
- 4. Misdiagnosed Patient 2 with divergence excess and/or convergence insufficiency between 29 December 2012 and 23 July 2022 inclusive.*
- 5. Prescribed Patient 2 spectacles with varifocal lenses and/or prisms when it was not clinically indicated to do between 29 December 2012 and 10 July 2020 inclusive.*
- 6. Failed to record, adequately or at all, the assessment of Patient 2's binocular vision 29 December 2012 and 23 July 2022 inclusive.*
- 7. On or around 23 July 2022 misdiagnosed Patient 2's vision as less than 1/60 in the left eye and/or the right eye.*
- 8. On or around 23 July 2022 failed to refer Patient 2 on a same day basis and/or to seek advice on Patient 2's management.*
- 9. Misdiagnosed Patient 3 with divergence excess and/or convergence insufficiency and/or accommodation insufficiency on 17 September 2022*
- 10. Prescribed Patient 3 spectacles with varifocal lenses and/or prisms when it was not clinically indicated to do on 17 September 2022*
- 11. Failed to record, adequately or at all, the assessment of Patient 3 's binocular vision between 28 July 2022 and 17 September 2022, inclusive.*
- 12. Misdiagnosed Patient 4 with divergence excess and/or convergence insufficiency and/or accommodation insufficiency between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020 inclusive.*
- 13. Prescribed Patient 4 spectacles with varifocal lenses and/or prisms when it was not clinically indicated to do between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020 inclusive.*

14. *Failed to record, adequately or at all, the assessment of Patient 4's binocular vision between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020 inclusive.*
15. *Prior to prescribing spectacles failed to carry out an external and/or internal examination of Patient 1's eyes between 30 June 2020 and 25 November 2022, inclusive.*
16. *In the alternative to 15. above you failed to record the external and/or internal examination of Patient 1's eyes between 30 June 2020 and 25 November 2022 inclusive.*
17. *Prior to prescribing spectacles failed to carry out an external and/or internal examination of Patient 2's eyes between 27 April 2013 and 10 July 2020, inclusive.*
18. *In the alternative to 17. above you failed to record the external and/or internal examination of Patient 2's eyes between 27 April 2013 and 10 July 2020, inclusive.*
19. *Prior to prescribing spectacles failed to carry out an external and/or internal examination of Patient 3's eyes between 28 July 2022 and 17 September 2022, inclusive.*
20. *In the alternative to 19. above you failed to record the external and/or internal examination of Patient 3's eyes between 28 July 2022 and 17 September 2022, inclusive.*
21. *Prior to prescribing spectacles failed to carry out an external and/or internal examination of Patient 4's eyes between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020, inclusive.*
22. *In the alternative to 21. above you failed to record the external and/or internal examination of Patient 4's eyes between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020, inclusive.*
23. *Between 4 February 2020 and 25 November 2022 did not obtain informed consent from Patient 1's parent/s in that you did not explain, adequately or at all, the evidential basis of the treatment.*
24. *In the alternative to 23. above failed to record any discussions held with Patient 1's parent/s in relation to the obtaining of informed consent.*
25. *Between 29 December 2012 and 23 July 2022 did not obtain informed consent from Patient 2's parent/s in that you did not explain, adequately or at all, the evidential basis of the treatment.*
26. *In the alternative to 25. above failed to record any discussions held with Patient 2's parent/s in relation to the obtaining of informed consent.*
27. *Between 28 July and 17 September 2022 did not obtain informed consent from Patient 3's parent/s in that you did not explain, adequately or at all, the evidential basis of the treatment.*

28. In the alternative to 27. above failed to record any discussions held with Patient 3's parent/s in relation to the obtaining of informed consent.

29. Between 1 August 2018 and 18 February 2020 did not obtain informed consent from Patient 4's parent/s in that you did not explain, adequately or at all, the evidential basis of the treatment.

30. In the alternative to 29. above failed to record any discussions held with Patient 4's parent/s in relation to the obtaining of informed consent.

31. Acted outside the scope of your expertise in that:

- i. On or around 1 August 2018 you advised Patient 4's mother that Patient 4 had and/or was predisposed to dyslexia;*
- ii. On or around 1 August 2018 you provided dietary advice in respect of Patient 4 to their mother in that you recommended a book named the Plant Paradox;*
- iii. On or around 1 August 2018 you provided dietary advice in respect of Patient 3 to their mother in that you recommended a book named the Plant Paradox.*

As a result of the matters set out above your fitness to practise is impaired by reason of your misconduct.

Committee Members:

Gaon Hart (Chair)
Ben Summerskill (Lay)
Ian Hanson (Lay)
Danielle Ellis (Optometrist)
Gemma O'Rourke (Optometrist)

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