

BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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NINTH INTERIM ORDER REVIEW DETERMINATION SUMMARY 15 APRIL 2025

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Omer Arshad Registration number: 01-27752 Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 4 January 2022 for a period of 18 months. On 3 March 2022, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to replace the interim order of suspension with an interim order of conditions.

On 13 May 2022, 13 October 2022, 10 March 2023, 4 September 2023 and 5 February 2024 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to continue the interim order of conditions. The order was extended by the High Court in 2024 until 03 July 2025.

The Fitness to Practice Committee on the 19 August 2024 determined to replace the interim order of conditions with an interim order of suspension.

The Fitness to Practice Committee on the 5 November 2024 and 15 April 2025 determined to maintain the interim order of suspension.

The Committee noted that the current order is due to expire on 3 July 2025 and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the order is extended by the Courts, a review will be held within 3 months of the date of the extension.