

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

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**IO(25)15**

**AND**

**MICHAEL BEARD (01-16313)**

**PRIVATE HEARING**

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**NOTICE OF FIRST REVIEW OF AN INTERIM ORDER**

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Take notice that a hearing to review an interim suspension order made on 12 September 2025 in respect of the above registered optometrist will be made before the Fitness to Practise Committee of the General Optical Council at a private hearing.

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**Hearing on the papers**

A first review of the Interim Order will take place on the papers between **Monday 09 February 2026** and **Monday 23 February 2026**. The Registrant will **not** be invited to attend.

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**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 first review of the Interim Order will therefore be held on **Monday 23 February 2026 at 09.30am** and will take place by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

**Committee Members:** Julia Wortley (Chair)

Lisa Hill (Lay)

Annabelle Magee (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Timothy Akers

**Hearings Officer:** Anwar Henry

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12 January 2026