

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

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F(25)02

AND

EMILY GRAY (D-15417)

**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:

Remotely

The substantive hearing will commence at 9:30am on **Monday 4 August – Tuesday 12 August 2025** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

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

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

1 July 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that in relation to you, Emily Gray (D-15417), a registered Dispensing Optician, whilst employed as a Contact Lens Optician at Boots Opticians-[redacted]:

1) Between March 2024 and April 2024, you ordered 140 trial contact lenses worth over £100 in stock value, free of charge for Mr A, indicating that he was a patient despite knowing there was no clinical record of Mr A as a patient;

2) Your actions at 1) above is:

a. Dishonest in that:

i. You knew Mr A was not a patient but a family member who had never attended a Boots practice;

ii. You knowingly falsified information by indicating Mr A as a patient when ordering the contact lenses; and

b. Unprofessional in that you supplied contact lenses to Mr A knowing you had never performed a contact lens teach, contact lens fitting or contact lens aftercare for Mr A, contrary to Section 25 and Section 27 of the Opticians Act 1989, and the College of Optometrists Guidance for Professional Practice;

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

Committee Members:

Julia Wortley (Lay)
John Vaughan (Lay)
Miriam Karp (Lay)
Adrian Street (Dispensing Optician)
Lesley Reid (Dispensing Optician)

Legal Adviser:

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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.