BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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AND

OSMAN SIDDIQ - (01-26435)

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 **Thursday 19 November 2026 – Friday 27 November 2026** 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 **Osman Siddiq** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

25 September 2026

ALLEGATION

That being a registered Optometrist:

1) *On 8 June 2025, at Specsavers Opticians and Audiologists – [redacted] ("The Practice"), while attending Patient 1 you:*

    a. *Failed to obtain a full history for the patient;*

    b. *Failed to obtain explicit consent from Patient 1 to instil eye drops in her eyes;*

    c. *Failed to communicate effectively with Patient 1 in that you grabbed her head, without any prior explanation, and tried to forcibly instil eye drops in her eyes; and/or*

    d. *Got annoyed with Patient 1 when she told you that she did not like eye drops being put in, and stated that she "should be used to it" because she has had diabetic screening before – or words to that effect;*

2) *On 5 May 2025, at the Practice, while treating Patient 2, a child, you:*

    a. *Failed to measure Patient 2's visual acuity and/or record the method of measurement;*

    b. *Failed to provide Patient 2 with an adequate standard of care in that:*

        i. *You did not record that Ms A declined cycloplegia and/or reasons for the refusal;*

        ii. *You did not record your explanation to Ms A of the risks and benefits of cycloplegia;*

        iii. *You did not offer the option of referral to the hospital eye service for cycloplegic examination and explain that with local waiting times there may be a delay; and/or*

        iv. *You did not refer Patient 2 to the Hospital Eye Service for further treatment and/or investigation despite the patient clinically presenting with an intermittent squint in her right eye.*

    c. *You prescribed spectacles that were clinically inappropriate in that:*

        i. *You did not give the full astigmatic correction (reducing the strength of the cylindrical component by 1.00D);*

        ii. *You did not prescribe an equal spherical component (reducing the spherical component in the left eye by 0.50D);*

iii. *Advised glasses for "c/task esp" when full time wear was required; and/or*

iv. *Advised Patient 2 to purchase the "ultraclear" coating.*

d. *Failed to communicate effectively with Patient 2's mother, Ms A, and/or Patient 2 in that you:*

i. *Argued with Ms A about what age children should start school and stating that Patient 2 – "should know her letters by now" – or words to that effect;*

ii. *Adapted the eye test to account for Patient 2's age only after prompting from Ms A;*

iii. *Did not explain the eye test to Patient 2 and/or give any proper direction as to what she was expected to do;*

e. *Failed to maintain adequate records in that you incorrectly recorded 'eyes straight as well' despite the presenting symptoms being that Patient 2's eyes were turning in;*

3) *On 5 May 2025, at the Practice, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 4, who presented with a new floater, in that:*

a. *You did not provided verbal and/or written advice in relation to the recent onset of a floater in the Patient 4's left-eye;*

b. *You did not record the outcome of your conversation regarding pupil dilation;*

c. *You did not provide advise Patient 4 about what to do should her symptoms worsen;*

4) *On 9 May 2025, at the Practice, you failed to provide an adequate standard of care to Patient 5 in that:*

a. *You did not measure the tear break-up time;*

b. *You did not check for corneal staining;*

c. *Failed to communicate effectively with Patient 5 in that you did not adequately inform the patient what eye drops or dye had been*

used; and/or

d. *Failed to record what eye drops or dye had been used;*

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

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