

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

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**F(24)33**

**AND**

**MOHAMMED UL-HAQ (01-31900)**

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**NOTICE OF INQUIRY  
SUBSTANTIVE HEARING**

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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 30 June - Friday 11 July 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 **Mohammed Ul-Haq** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Euan Napier  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**11 March 2025**

## **AMENDED ALLEGATION**

The Council alleges that you, Mr Mohammed Ul-Haq (01-31900), a registered optometrist:

1. On or around 15 August 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient A and:
  - a. You failed to make a timely referral for cataract in the left eye; and/or
  - b. You added further details on the record after the sight test for binocular visual acuity and the near spectacle prescription and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
2. On or around 18 July 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient B and you failed to maintain adequate record in that you:
  - a. You failed to record adequate information on record card to determine if a referral was necessary; and/or
  - b. You added further details on record after the sight test on delegated health checks, history and symptoms, external and internal eye examination, refraction, vision/visual acuity and advice section after the sight test and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment; and/or
  - c. You failed to assess and/or record the intraocular pressure of the left eye
3. On or around 29 June 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient C and:
  - a. You failed to make a timely referral for cataract to Hospital Eye Service (HES) for cataract investigation.
4. On or around 30 July 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient D and:
  - a. You failed to adequately and/or appropriately record clinical data in that the paper notes recorded an add of 2.50 whilst the computer records has an add of 2.00; and/or
  - b. You failed to adequately and/or appropriately record the recall interval in that the paper notes recorded a recall of 2 years whilst the computer records has a recall of 12 months; and/or
  - c. You added further details on record after the sight test on refraction, vision/visual acuity and advice section after the sight test and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
5. On or around 3 July 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient E and:
  - a. You did not annotate the record to show it was a duplicate of the original.
6. On or around 22 June 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient F and failed to adequately and/or appropriately record clinical data in that:

- a. You later changed the sight test results 'consider referral for GAT although all tests are normal → gat better for measuring IOPs' but this was later replaced on the record card with '[dis]charged for high IOPs previously. On repeat → wnl. 12/12 RSIAP' Where RSIAP means 'return sooner if any problems' and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
7. On or around 11 July 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient G and:
  - a. You failed to make a timely referral for a YAG- Laser Capsulotomy; and/or
  - b. You failed to assess and/or record the intraocular pressure and/or a visual field assessment of the right eye; and/or
  - c. You added further details on record after the sight test relating to family history, external examination, internal examination, visual fields, intraocular pressure and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
8. On or around 6 August 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient H and you failed to:
  - a. Annotate the record to show it was a duplicate or amendment of the; and/or
  - b. You failed to assess and/or record the intraocular pressure
9. On or around 29 June 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient I and:
  - a. You failed to make a timely referral for cataract; and/or
  - b. You added further details on record after the sight test relating to history and symptoms, and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
10. On or around 13 June 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient J and:
  - a. You failed to make a timely referral for cataract in the left eye.
  - b. You added further details on record after the sight test relating to history, external examination and internal examination, and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment
11. On or around 27 July 2022, you carried out a sight test on Patient K and:
  - a. You suspected glaucoma and failed to make a timely referral to Hospital Eye Service (HES) and potentially delayed Patient K's treatment; and/or
  - b. You added further details on record after the sight test relating to visual fields, motility, pupils, visual acuity and near spectacle prescription and did not annotate to show it was an addition or amendment.
12. You failed to ensure clinical records could be accessed easily by other staff in that you kept patient records stored with another colleague without other staff being aware of this

13. On or around 20 September 2022, you were asked to review records for Patient A to K and complete outstanding actions and referrals. You made additions and or amendments to the patient records and did not annotate that they were additions and or amendments as set out in 2b, 6a, 1b, 2b, 4c, 7c, 9b and 10b above

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

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**Committee Members:**

Andy Brennan (Chair)  
Mark Richards (Lay)  
Kevin Connolly (Lay)  
Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)  
Gaynor Kirk (Optometrist)

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