

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

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F(25)20

AND

RUMAN DHALIWAL (SO-15863)

**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 take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 16 February – Thursday 19 February 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 undertake training of **Ruman Dhaliwal** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

Euan Napier
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council
19 September 2025

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Ruman Dhaliwal (CO-15863), a student optometrist, whilst working at Specsavers [redacted]:

1. Created false patient records for Patient A on:

- a. 24 February 2024;*
- b. 12 March 2024;*
- c. 3 April 2024.*

2. Created false patient records for Patient B on:

- a. 18 February 2024;*
- b. 22 February 2024.*

3. Created false patient records for Patient C on:

- a. 3 April 2024.*

4. Your conduct at 1, 2 and 3 above was:

- a. misleading; and/or*
- b. dishonest in that you knowingly created false records to use as evidence for your work-based assessments.*

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

Committee Members: Tehniat Watson (Chair)
Tasneem Dhanji (Lay)
Ann McKechin (Lay)
Ann Barrett (Optometrist)
Louise Gow (Optometrist)

Legal Adviser: Aaminah Khan

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