

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

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**IO(25)15**

**AND**

**MICHAEL BEARD (01-16313)**

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**SECOND INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
20 JULY 2026**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Michael Beard

**Registration number:** 01-16313

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 12 September 2025 for a period of 12 months.

On 11 February 2026 and 20 July 2026, the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to maintain the current interim order of suspension.

The Committee notes that the order is due to expire on 12 September 2026 and therefore makes no order for a further review. However, if the order is extended by the Courts, a review will be held within 3 months of the date of the extension.