BEFORE THE FITNESS TO PRACTISE COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL OPTICAL COUNCIL

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AND

NEAL KERR (01-21432)

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:

Physical hearing
The substantive hearing will take place at **09:30AM** on **Thursday 10 December to Friday 11 December 2026** at the GOC offices: **Level 29, One Canada Square, London, E14 5AA.**

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Neal Kerr** 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 November 2026

ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Mr Neal Kerr (01-21432), a registered optometrist, whilst you were a director of [redacted] Visionplus Limited:

1. Between 6 April 2019 and 30 April 2025, you misrepresented personal expenses by claiming they were legitimate business-related expenses, namely:

    a. Between 6 April 2019 and 5 April 2020, a total of £623.18; and/or

    b. Between 6 April 2020 and 5 April 2021, a total of £546.45; and/or

    c. Between 6 April 2021 and 5 April 2022, a total of to £1,018.67; and/or

    d. Between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023, a total of £2,547.87; and/or

    e. Between 6 April 2023 and 5 April 2024, a total of £2,203.57; and/or

    f. Between 6 April 2024 and 5 April 2025, a total of £4,173.26; and/or

    g. Between 24 May 2018 and 30 April 2025, a total of £797.07.

2. Between 24 May 2018 and 30 April 2025, you misused the Store Company pool car for personal use and claimed the fuel used on personal trips as a legitimate business-related expense;

3. Your actions as set out above at 1a and/or 1b and/or 1c and/or 1d and/or 1e and/or 1f and/or 1g and/or 2 were dishonest in that you knowingly submitted expenses for payment which you knew misrepresented personal expenses as legitimate business-related expenses;

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

Committee Members:	Julia Wortley (Chair/Lay)
	Jackie Alexander (Lay)
	Victoria Smith (Lay)
	Denise Connor (Optometrist)
	Kalpana Theophilus (Optometrist)
Legal Adviser:	David Cobb
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If you require further information relating to this hearing, please contact the Council's Hearings Manager at hearings@optical.org.