

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

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**F(24)30**

**AND**

**MR SEAN HUGHES - (SO-12809)**

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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 07 April - Wednesday 09 April 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 **Seán Hughes** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

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Taz Chisango  
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

**05 March 2025**

**ALLEGATION**

The Council alleges that you, Mr Seán Hughes (SO-12809), a registered student optometrist:

- 1) On 22 October 2021 at Nottingham Crown Court, you were convicted of:
  - a) Engage in controlling/coercive behaviour in an intimate/family relationship
  - b) Assault a person thereby occasioning them actual bodily harm
  - c) Possess knife/blade/sharp pointed article in a public place – Criminal Justice Act 1988

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

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**Committee Members:** Julia Wortley (Chair/Lay)  
Victoria Smith (Lay)  
Nicola Enston (Lay)  
Denise Connor (Optometrist)  
Judy Lea (Optometrist)

**Legal Adviser:** Alice Moller

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