

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

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**F(23)13**

**AND**

**RICHARD CARR - (01-16036)**

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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 take commence at 9:30am on **Monday 28 October – Tuesday 29 October 2024** by way of video conference or telephone conference facilities.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegations submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Richard Carr** 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

**20 September 2024**

## ALLEGATION

The Council alleges that you, Richard Carr (01-16036), a registered optometrist:

1. On 20 October 2023 at [redacted] Magistrates' Court, you were convicted of an offence contrary to section 67(4) and (5) of the Sexual Offences Act 2003 in that:
  - a. On 16 March 2022 at [redacted] you installed equipment with the intention of enabling yourself, for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification, to observe another person doing a private act, knowing that person did not consent to being observed for your sexual gratification contrary to section 67(4) and (5) of the sexual offences Act 2003.

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

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**Committee Members:** Valerie Paterson (Lay)  
David Abbott (Lay)  
Amanda Webster (Lay)  
Claire Roberts (Optometrist)  
Philippa Shaw (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](mailto:hearings@optical.org).