

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

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**FIRST INTERIM ORDER REVIEW
DETERMINATION SUMMARY
04 JANUARY 2024**

PRIVATE HEARING

Name of Registrant: Ravi Bhojwani

Registration number: 01-18000

Professional status: Optometrist

Type and length of interim order: The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of suspension from 25 July 2023 for a period of 18 months.

On the 4 January 2024 the Fitness to Practise Committee determined to change the current interim order of suspension to an order of conditional registration.

The order will be further reviewed within 3 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant requests an early review.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

1. You must inform the following parties that your registration is subject to conditions. You should do this within two weeks of the date this order takes effect.
 - a. Any organisation or person employing or contracting with you to provide paid or unpaid optical services, whether or not in the UK (to include any locum agency).
 - b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.
 - c. The Chair of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.
 - d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.

2. You must inform the GOC within two weeks if:

- a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.
- b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.
- c. You cease working.

This information must include the contact details of your prospective employer/contractor and (if the role includes providing NHS ophthalmic services) the relevant NHS body.

3. You must:

- a. Identify a workplace supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with condition number 6 of these conditions.
- b. Ask the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor within two weeks of the date this order takes effect. If you are not employed, you must ask us to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.
- c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor.
- d. Place yourself under the close supervision of the approved supervisor and remain under their supervision for the duration of these conditions. Your day to day work must be supervised by a person who is registered with the GOC in your category of the register and who must be on site and available at all times. As a minimum, your work must be reviewed at least once a week by the supervisor via a one-to-one meeting and case-based discussion. These weekly meetings must be focused on all areas of concern identified by the conditions. These meetings must take place face to face.
- e. At least once a week meet your supervisor face to face to review compliance with your conditions and your progress with any personal development plan.
- f. At least every two months, before the next review hearing or upon request by the GOC, submit a written report from your supervisor to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions they are monitoring.
- g. Inform the GOC of any proposed change to your supervisor and again place yourself under the supervision of someone who has been agreed by the GOC.

4. You must inform the GOC within two weeks if you become aware of any criminal investigation or disciplinary investigation against you.

5. You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.

A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:

- a. Fulfil all CPD requirements; or
- b. Renew your registration annually.

6. You must:
 - a. Not undertake any locum work unless agreed in advance by your workplace supervisor and the GOC.
 - b. Maintain a log detailing every case where you have undertaken the following:-
 - Record keeping, specifically taking of details in respect of history and symptoms;
 - Interpretation of clinical examinations and results;
 - Appropriateness of management of patients in respect of emergency assessments and referrals;
 - Any concerns regarding patient safety;
 - Details of any specific feedback or suggestions for improvement drawn to your attention by the supervisor arising out of the reviewed records, including your ability to detect and appropriately refer patients with suspected Glaucoma and / or a suspected retinal detachment.
 - c. Submit a report from your workplace supervisor to the GOC at least two weeks before the next review hearing, together with a copy of the log.

7. You must:
 - a. Arrange for the workplace supervisor to review five randomly selected patient records per week within two weeks of these conditions taking effect.
 - b. At least two weeks before the next review hearing, provide the GOC with a written report from the workplace supervisor, setting out their views on the quality of the records he/she reviewed.

8. You must provide copies of logs referred to in condition 6 to the GOC every 2 months and at least 14 days prior to any review hearing