

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

**IO(23)10**

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**1<sup>st</sup> INTERIM ORDER REVIEW  
DETERMINATION SUMMARY  
19 JANUARY 2024**

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**PRIVATE HEARING**

**Name of Registrant:** Sapna Dave

**Registration number:** 01-23245

**Professional status:** Optometrist

**Type and length of interim order:** The Fitness to Practise Committee determined to make an interim order of conditional registration from 11 August 2023 for a period of 18 months.

The Fitness to Practise Committee reviewed the current IO conditions on 19 January 2024 and determined to maintain them.

The order will be further reviewed within 6 months from today unless all matters are resolved within that time, or earlier should new evidence be made available, or if the registrant, at any time after three months from today's date, requests an early review.

The list of public conditions imposed are as follows:

**LIST OF CONDITIONS**

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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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).</li><li>b. Any prospective employer or contractor where you have applied to provide optical services, whether or not in the UK.</li></ul>
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	<p>c. Chairman of the Local Optometric Committee for the area where you provide optometric services.</p> <p>d. The NHS body in whose ophthalmic performer or contractor list you are included or are seeking inclusion.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>You must inform the GOC if:</p> <p>a. You accept any paid or unpaid employment or contract, whether or not in the UK, to provide optical services.</p> <p>b. You apply for any paid or unpaid employment or contract to provide optical services outside the UK.</p> <p>c. You cease working.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>You must:</p> <p>a. Identify a workplace supervisor who would be prepared to monitor your compliance with these conditions.</p> <p>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 the GOC to approve your workplace supervisor before you start work.</p> <p>c. Identify another supervisor if the GOC does not agree to your being monitored by the proposed supervisor.</p> <p>d. Place yourself under the supervision of the supervisor and remain under his/her supervision for the duration of these conditions.</p> <p>e. You must consult your supervisor about all patients presenting with an IOP of more than 23mmHg and/or any other clinical signs suggesting glaucoma as soon as possible (and at least on the same working day) of their detection. You should discuss your management of the patient and ensure that all appropriate/additional examinations have been completed including assessment of the anterior chamber angle, examination of the optic nerve head, and assessment of the visual field.</p> <p>f. Each week, the supervisor is to review with you, five randomly chosen records from each practice where you are employed to ensure that there have been comprehensive assessments and appropriate referrals.</p>

	<p>g. At least every two months or upon request of the GOC, request a written report from your supervisor to be provided to the GOC, detailing how you have complied with the conditions he/she is monitoring. The report is to comment on the quality of your examinations, record keeping and management of patients with particular focus on those with clinical signs suggestive of glaucoma.</p> <p>h. 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.</p>
4.	<p>You must inform the GOC within 14 days if you become aware of any criminal investigation or formal disciplinary investigation against you.</p>
5.	<p>You must continue to comply with all legal and professional requirements of registration with the GOC.</p> <p>A review hearing will be arranged at the earliest opportunity if you fail to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fulfil all CET requirements; or</li> <li>b. Renew your registration annually.</li> </ul>