

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

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F(07)03

AND

SHAFQAT ZAMAN (01-19220)

**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 conducted at the **Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD** and will commence at **10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 23 October 2007**.

The Inquiry will be based upon the allegation submitted by the Council (see below) and will determine whether the fitness to practise of **Shafqat Zaman** is impaired by virtue of the provisions contained in section 13D(2) of the Opticians Act 1989.

David Henley BEM
Hearings Manager, General Optical Council

30 August 2007

ALLEGATION

That the fitness to practise of Shafqat Zaman is impaired by reason of the following:

1. Mr Zaman did not undertake a measurement of the visual acuity of Patient A (as identified in the schedule) on 7 March 2006;
2. Mr Zaman did not perform a refraction examination of Patient A on 7 March 2006;
3. Mr Zaman's referral of Patient A to her General Practitioner on 7 March 2006 was inadequate.

AND by reason of the facts set out above, Mr Zaman is guilty of deficient professional performance.

Committee Members: Mr P Charlesworth (Optometrist)
Mrs G Huka (Lay)
Ms M Jeyasingham (Lay)
Mrs Y Norgett (Optometrist)
Lady M Wall (Lay)

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