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SCHEDULE

OBJECTIVES OF REGULATORS OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PROFESSIONS

General Optical Council

- 2 (1) The Opticians Act 1989 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1 (constitution and functions of the General Optical Council), for subsection (2A) substitute—
- “(2A) The over-arching objective of the Council in exercising their functions is the protection of the public.
- (2B) The pursuit by the Council of their over-arching objective involves the pursuit of the following objectives—
- (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public;
 - (b) to promote and maintain public confidence in the professions regulated under this Act;
 - (c) to promote and maintain proper professional standards and conduct for members of those professions; and
 - (d) to promote and maintain proper standards and conduct for business registrants.”
- (3) In section 5A (Registration Appeals Committee), at the end insert—
- “(5) In exercising a function under section 13K, the Registration Appeals Committee must have regard to the over-arching objective.”
- (4) In section 5C (Fitness to Practise Committee), at the end insert—
- “(5) In exercising a function under section 13F or 13H, the Fitness to Practise Committee must have regard to the over-arching objective.”
- (5) In section 13D (allegations), after subsection (7) insert—
- “(7A) In deciding whether to give a warning under subsection (7), the Investigation Committee must have regard to the over-arching objective.”
- (6) In section 36 (interpretation), at the end insert—
- “(3) References in this Act to the over-arching objective are to the over-arching objective of the Council under section 1(2A) (read with section 1(2B)).”

Commencement Information

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