



Case Opening Statement

The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (**GCRA**) has decided pursuant to section 22(1) of the Competition (Guernsey) Ordinance, 2012 (the **2012 Ordinance**) that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that certain undertakings active in the provision of optometric services have contravened section 5(1) by entering into an arrangement or arrangements which have the object or effect of preventing competition within a relevant market in Guernsey for the provision of those services.

It has therefore decided to conduct an investigation into the suspected contravention. The investigation procedure that the GCRA follows when conducting cases is set out in its Investigation Procedures Guideline, which is available at:

<https://www.gcra.gg/media/598340/guideline-10-investigation-procedures.pdf>

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