

Privacy Notice - Diabetic Eye Screening

The NHS in England operates a national Diabetic Eye Screening Programme to prevent sight loss. Health Intelligence is pleased to have been commissioned by NHS England to support the delivery of diabetic eye screening for over 500,000 patients across several local programmes.

Please read this Privacy Notice carefully as it sets out the basis on which any personal data we process will be handled. This Notice sets out the types of personal data that we collect about you and will explain how and why your personal data is used. We will also explain how long your data will be kept and when, why and with whom your data may be shared.

The Notice sets out the legal basis we have for processing your personal data and explains the effects of refusing to provide the personal data requested. We will also explain the various rights and choices that you have when it comes to your personal data and how you can contact us.

What personal data do we collect about you and where from?

Information from your eye screening appointment (including your results and images), your GP Practice and the Hospital Eye Service will be kept on a register of people with diabetes to provide this service and monitor your needs and the quality of care provided. The register holds your full name, NHS number, gender, date of birth, ethnic group, phone numbers and correspondence addresses along with details of your GP Practice. Prior to your approval, this can only be accessed by your GP Practice and the personnel directly involved in issuing your invitation letters and booking your screening appointment.

Who do we share your personal data with?

The DESP will keep information about you and your diabetes care to ensure we deliver a safe and quality service. The register is maintained by Health Intelligence Ltd an NHS Business Partner contracted by the NHS to deliver this service. The security arrangements that protect your privacy ensure that your data is only accessed by your Retinal Screener and healthcare professionals involved in your care working for Health Intelligence Ltd or the NHS and only when it is genuinely needed for your care.

How long do we keep your personal data for?

We will keep your information for the length of the contract we have with NHS England to supply the diabetic eye screening service. After this time, we will securely transfer your data and images to the new provider under instruction from NHS England, then delete all personal data in a secure manner.

Who has access to your personal data?

Dispatch of Diabetic Eye Screening Invitation and Result Letters

Health Intelligence currently send invitation, reminder and result letters for over 500,000 patients. We therefore use a letter dispatch service provided by Synertec Ltd who securely print and dispatch our letters via Royal Mail business class. The letter information is only retained for a short period which allows printing and dispatch. Once dispatched, all data is securely destroyed.

Voice Messaging Service

Health Intelligence also engages Yakara Ltd to generate appointment reminder telephone voice messages. Details of your name, telephone number and appointment are provided to support this service. The information is only retained for a short period which allows the reminder telephone calls to be made. Once completed, all data is securely destroyed.

How will we communicate with you?

We will communicate with you via letter, text (SMS) message and voice message regarding your diabetic eye screening. If you wish to talk to us about your communication preferences, please call the Bookings Office.

What legal basis do we have for using your information?

The Secretary of State delegates several public health functions to NHS England. The public health functions agreement 2017 – 2018 enables NHS England to commission certain public health services which will drive improvements in population health, and this agreement sets out the service specifications which are to be commissioned to satisfy those public health functions. One such service is the National Diabetic Eye Screening Programme, and so it is commissioned by NHS England to discharge part of its public health duties.

NHS England has responsibility to ensure that the Diabetic Eye Screening service is seamless from entry in primary care through to integration with NHS management, treatment and care including working with NHS Hospital Trusts/Hospital Eye Services.

How do we protect your information?

We aim to ensure all personal data is held and processed in a secure way and we only let healthcare professionals who have a legitimate interest in your care access to your data. Examples of our security include:

- Encryption – meaning that the information is hidden so that it cannot be read without special knowledge (such as a password)
- Controlling access to systems and networks, this allows us to stop people who are not allowed to see your data from accessing it
- Controlling access for different user roles, so only certain data required for a specific role is accessible
- Training our staff to ensure they know how to responsibly and securely handle data including how and when to report if something goes wrong
- Regular testing of our technology including keeping up-to-date on the latest security updates

We do not transfer personal data out of the European Economic Area (EEA)

Can you access the information we hold?

Your GP has access to all the information we hold about you, please contact them if you wish to review your information.



Do we use Cookies on our websites to collect personal data on you?

We use Google Analytics to collect anonymised information about the way people use our websites to provide a better service to you. For example, how many people visited the site, what pages they visited. We do not collect personal data such as URL location.

Where can I get further information?

If you have any queries or concerns about how we handle your personal data, please contact:

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For independent advice about data protection, privacy and data sharing issues, the Information Commissioners Officer (ICO) are always happy to help:

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