

Staffordshire & Shropshire Diabetic Eye Screening Service

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What is Diabetic Eye Screening?

Diabetic eye screening is a test to check for eye problems caused by diabetes. The service invites all people with diabetes from 12 years old to attend for an annual diabetic eye screening test. For those who need a more advanced examination, we provide the following; Slit Lamp Biomicroscopy, Digital Surveillance, OCT screening or a referral to a local Ophthalmology Department.

Referral Process

GP2DRS is a system for automating the sharing of patient information between general practices and local Diabetic Eye Screening Service.

GP practices are responsible for referring eligible patients with diabetes for diabetic eye screening, by correctly coding a patient as either type 1, type 2 diabetic or MODY (adults and children 12 years and over). At the end of each month, this generates an electronic message via GP2DRS.

General Practitioners continue to be a diabetic patient's primary source of care. Please ensure that all newly diagnosed diabetic patients are advised on their recent diagnosis before they are coded to avoid any confusion and upset when their screening appointment is received.

Biennial Screening

The Staffordshire & Shropshire Diabetic Eye Screening Service is working to restore screening safely whilst considering social distancing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements. This means that we may not be able to see as many people as we would normally as more time will be required between appointments to disinfect equipment, waiting areas and clinic spaces.

To enable us to restore screening safely, patients who attended their last appointment and had no retinopathy will be invited for their next screening appointment at a longer interval than normal. Patients that attended their last invited screening appointment with no retinopathy detected are at little risk of sight threatening disease before their next appointment. The maximum time between appointments is 24 months and research shows that this is safe.

Sufficient appointments **WILL** be available to patients at a higher risk of developing sight threatening retinopathy and allows other patients to be screened when clinically appropriate. GP practices will receive a copy of the patients screening outcome within 3 weeks of their screening date.

Pathways within Screening

Routine Digital Screening (RDS): Annual screenings for the majority of patients, results are sent by letter within 3 weeks of their screening attendance.

Digital Surveillance (DS): Patients that require more frequent screening will be invited to attend a DS appointment. Our clinical team will determine how frequent these appointments should be.

Slit Lamp Biomicroscopy (SLB): Specialised screening for patients when photography is not successful. For example; if a patient has cataracts.

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT): A 3D scan of the eye which is usually performed in a hospital eye setting. There are 5 OCT cameras available across Staffordshire & Shropshire to allow patients to remain in a community based setting.

Our Clinic Locations along with the screening pathway(s) provided are detailed in the table overleaf.

Patients will be offered an appointment at a local clinic but can choose a convenient venue, date/time for screening by contacting us directly or via our online booking facility below:

<https://drscreening.mpft.nhs.uk/onlinebooking>

Notification of Death

To avoid sending out unnecessary correspondence, which could cause distress to the deceased family/friends, please email us when a diabetic patient has passed away via SS.DESP@nhs.net

We will require the patient's name, NHS Number and date of death so we can update our database accordingly.

Clinic Locations

North Staffordshire:	RDS	DS	SLB	OCT
Biddulph Primary Care Centre, Biddulph	√	√	X	X
Bradwell Hospital, Newcastle	√	√	√	X
Cheadle Hospital, Cheadle	√	√	X	X
Kidsgrove Health Centre, Kidsgrove	√	√	X	X
Leek Moorlands Hospital, Leek	√	√	√	X
Ryecroft Medical Centre, Newcastle	√	√	X	X
South Staffordshire:	RDS	DS	SLB	OCT
Balance Street Health Centre, Uttoxeter	√	√	X	X
Beecroft Clinic, Cannock Hospital	√	√	√	X
Brewood Medical Practice, Brewood	√	√	√	X
56 High Street, Burton	√	√	√	√
Codsall Clinic, Codsall	√	√	X	X
Sandy Lane Health Centre, Rugeley	√	√	X	X
Salters Meadow Health Centre, Burntwood	√	√	X	X
Stafford Central Clinic, Stafford	√	√	√	√
Trentside Clinic, Stone	√	√	X	X
Tamworth Health Centre, Tamworth	√	√	√	X
Wombourne Clinic, Wombourne	√	√	X	X
Stoke on Trent:	RDS	DS	SLB	OCT
Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre, Bentilee	√	√	√	X
Hanley Health Centre, Hanley	√	√	√	√
Longton Health Centre, Longton	√	√	X	X
Meir Primary Care Centre, Meir	√	√	X	X
Tunstall Health Centre, Tunstall	√	√	X	X
Shropshire:	RDS	DS	SLB	OCT
Drayton Medical Practice, Market Drayton	√	√	X	X
Helena Lane Day Centre, Ludlow	√	√	√	X
Louise House, Shrewsbury	√	√	√	X
Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton	√	√	X	X
Oswestry Health Centre, Oswestry	√	√	X	X
Severn Fields Health Village, Shrewsbury	√	√	X	√
Whitchurch Community Hospital, Whitchurch	√	√	X	X
Telford & Wrekin:	RDS	DS	SLB	OCT
Hall Court, Telford	√	√	√	√
Ketley Community Centre, Telford	√	√	X	X



Diabetic eye screening: find important information online



There is important information you should read before your diabetic eye screening appointment and after receiving your screening result if diabetic eye disease is detected.

To read the information online, scan the relevant QR code or enter the web address for the information you need. If you have an Android phone or older iPhone you will need to install a free QR code reader app.

To save an online leaflet to your smartphone home screen:

IPhones

1. Click on the share icon at the bottom of the screen.
2. Scroll up or left and select **add to home screen**, then **add**.

Android phones

1. Click on the menu icon (3 dots or lines).
2. Select **add to home screen**, then **add**.

All these NHS diabetic eye screening digital leaflets can be found on GOV.UK at gov.uk/government/collections/diabetic-eye-screening-information-leaflets



Your guide to diabetic eye screening

gov.uk/phe/diabetic-eye-screening-leaflet



Your guide to diabetic retinopathy

gov.uk/government/collections/diabetic-eye-screening-information-leaflets



Closer monitoring and treatment for diabetic retinopathy

gov.uk/government/collections/diabetic-eye-screening-information-leaflets



Easy guide to diabetic eye screening

gov.uk/phe/diabetic-screening-easy-read



Diabetic eye screening: slit lamp examination

gov.uk/government/collections/diabetic-eye-screening-information-leaflets



Diabetic eye screening tests during pregnancy

gov.uk/phe/pregnancy-newborn-screening