

Important Information About Your Local Diabetic Eye Screening Service

Eye screening is a key part of diabetes care to check for diabetic retinopathy, a condition that can lead to sight loss if it's not detected early and treated. Everyone aged 12 and over with diabetes receives an invitation to this service once a year.



On **1 October 2016** the East Lancashire and Preston, Chorley & South Ribble diabetic eye screening programmes are merging to create the **Lancashire Diabetic Eye Screening Programme**.

What is the difference?

- A new central booking line will be created for making or changing appointments.
- A mixed screening model where appointments will be offered at a variety of community clinics across the region with the option to attend a local Specsavers stores and selected independent Optometrists.
- A closed booking system that will assign appointments to patients. Appointments can be changed very easily.

For more information contact your current diabetic eye screening programme or visit <http://LANCSdesp.info>