

# Important Information About Your Diabetic Eye Screening Programme

Eye screening is a key part of your diabetic care checking 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.



**Local diabetic eye screening services are merging together to deliver a larger programme.**

From 1 July 2017, the Bath DESP will merge with the Swindon and South Wiltshire DESP to form the Bath & North East Somerset (BaNES), Swindon & Wiltshire diabetic eye screening programme.

What happens in your appointment will not change; you do not need to do anything except attend your appointment as usual.

For more information, please visit: **[www.BSWdesp.info](http://www.BSWdesp.info)**

## Contact Details (after 1 July 2017)

**Telephone:** 01225 582 300

This number is not active until after 1 July 2017.

**Email:** bsw.desp@nhs.net

This account is active but we recommend you speak to your current diabetic eye screening programme if you have any questions.

**Website:** [www.BSWdesp.info](http://www.BSWdesp.info)

On this web page, you can find information about the service such as screening locations, screening procedure and service updates. You can also find out more about diabetic retinopathy and eye screening.

**Facebook:** EMIS Care – Patient Page

<http://Facebook.com/emiscare>

Facebook is our live chat and diabetes news forum developed specifically for patients.

If you have any queries, please contact your existing diabetic eye screening programme as we are working closely with them to ensure a smooth transition