



# DORSET DIABETIC EYE SCREENING PROGRAMME

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Dear Patient

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## Dorset Diabetic Eye Screening Programme

We understand you do not wish to have your eyes checked for diabetic eye disease. You have been sent an invitation as part of the NHS Diabetic Eye Screening Programme. As a person with diabetes, the risk of developing sight threatening retinopathy (STR) due to diabetes is significant. Studies following a large number of people with diabetes over many years suggest the following risk:

for patients with Type 1 diabetes, the lifetime risk is 50%, that is 1 in 2 patients develop STR; and for patients with Type 2 diabetes, the lifetime risk is 30%, that is 1 in 3 patients develop STR.

If you do not wish to be included in the call/recall programme at this time, please fill in the form below and return to the screening office at the above address. All patients wishing to opt out of screening now will be sent an invitation in the future to enable you to rejoin the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Dorset Diabetic Eye Screening Programme

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I have decided I do not wish to take up the invitation to attend for diabetic eye screening.  
I have read this letter and understand the risk of developing sight threatening diabetic eye disease.

I do not wish to be included in the call/recall programme at this time but I understand I will be sent a further invitation in 1 year / 2 years / 3 years\*. Maximum interval to next invitation is 3 years.

*\*Please delete to show the chosen interval.*

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

POST CODE..... TELEPHONE .....

DATE OF BIRTH..... NHS/Hospital No (if known) .....

SIGNED ..... DATED .....

**You may wish to retain a copy of this letter for future reference and a copy will be sent to your GP so that it may be kept within your medical records. If you wish to discuss this with anyone please call the screening office on 0345 608 1307**