

# Research on Diabetic Retinopathy Screening for People with Diabetes who also have a Disability

Dublin City University (DCU) has been asked by the National Screening Service (NSS) of the HSE to carry out research on diabetic retinopathy screening for people with diabetes who also have a disability and to provide advice to the NSS to make this screening easier for disabled people with diabetes.

## We would like to talk to:

- adults with a diagnosis of diabetes.
- who also have a disability (deaf people, people with vision impairment, people with physical impairment, people with intellectual disability and autistic people).

## What is Diabetic Retinopathy?

Diabetic retinopathy is a complication of diabetes that can cause blindness if left undiagnosed and untreated.

## What is Diabetic Retinopathy Screening?

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening ([www.diabeticretinascreen.ie](http://www.diabeticretinascreen.ie)) is one of four screening services provided by the NSS ([www.screeningservice.ie](http://www.screeningservice.ie)). If found early, diabetic retinopathy treatment can reduce or prevent damage to your sight.

**However, for persons with diabetes who also have a disability there may be issues that make Diabetic Retina Screening more of a challenge.**

## Have Your Say

We will shortly be conducting focus groups lasting about 1 hour, in person or via zoom, for people with diabetes who also have a disability. We want you to tell us what these challenges are and how you think they can be overcome.

## Interested in taking part or finding out more?

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