

OCT Scanning in Diabetic Eye Screening (DESP)

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What is OCT?

- OCT stands for Optical Coherence Tomography.
- An advanced screening camera.
- Uses light waves to capture 3D images of the eye.
- Gains more accurate, in-depth results.
- Still a part of your diabetes care, free for anyone aged 12+ living with diabetes.



Why is it being introduced?

- Achieves more in depth results.
- Can detect earlier signs of eye conditions.
- Creates more OCT scanning options.
- Help reduce hospital backlogs.
- Will save more than 120,000 appointments.

Which venues will offer OCT screening?

Purley:

Purley Memorial Hospital

Clapham Junction:

Junction Health Centre

Wimbledon:

The Nelson Health Centre

Kingston

Surbiton Health Centre

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by longer travel distances for our service users. We are committed to adding more locations in the future.

Who is eligible for OCT screening in DESP?

- Service users in the Digital Surveillance pathway (except pregnant patients)
- Service users with the last results of stage 2 pre-proliferative retinopathy or maculopathy
- Referrals back from the Hospital Eye Services



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