

Scottish Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service – National Policy on Suspensions from the Service

Suspension Reason	Suspension Type	Who Suspends and not Suspends	Process Notes
Informed choice to opt out	Temporary – maximum of three years	GP	When a person has made his/her own informed choice that he/she no longer wishes to be invited for screening
Total loss of vision in both eyes	Permanent	GP	A person without any perception of light in both eyes will need to be examined by an Ophthalmologist. The Ophthalmologist is required to write to the GP who is then responsible for suspending the person
Disabilities: Learning, Mental or Physical	Temporary or Permanent	GP	A person with diabetes should only be excluded from screening for reasons of disability if the disability means that the person cannot be screened or treated.
Temporarily Unavailable	Temporary	GP or Retinal Screening Administrator	When a person with diabetes advises the Retinal Screening Administration office or their GP that they are going to be away for an extended time for any reason
Under the care of an Ophthalmologist	Temporary	Retinal Screening Administrator as advised by Ophthalmologist	People under the care of an Ophthalmologist for the explicit purpose of Diabetic Retinopathy treatment, surveillance or detection. The Ophthalmologist is required to write to the DRS Programme informing that the patient is under their care.