



**PRE-CONSULTATION ON THE WAY THE  
NORTHERN IRELAND DIABETIC EYE SCREENING  
PROGRAMME IS PROVIDED**

**RESPONSE QUESTIONNAIRE**

# Response Questionnaire

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This pre-consultation offers an opportunity for you to consider, and comment on:

- the advantages and disadvantages of different options for providing diabetic eye screening in Northern Ireland; and
- the option appraisal that will be used to assess them.

We recognise that the various options may impact on different groups of people – in terms of their age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religion, political opinion, sexual orientation, marital status, dependant status – in different ways. Each option will have equality implications and we need to consider these carefully (see questions 7 & 8).

Following completion of the option appraisal, there will be a public consultation on the recommended model.

You can respond by email or post.

1. Email us at [claire.armstrong@hscni.net](mailto:claire.armstrong@hscni.net)
2. Write to us at:

Diabetic Eye Screening Programme  
Public Health Agency  
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A copy of this questionnaire and the corresponding pre-consultation document can be found at

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/modernising-diabetic-eye-screening-programme>.

**Before** you submit your response please read the annex of this document regarding the confidentiality of responses in the context of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please tell us if you are responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation by placing a tick in the appropriate box:

I am responding as an individual

I am responding on behalf of an organisation

As a member of health and social care staff

Name	
Title	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

May we contact you to get further information on your response?

Yes

No

## OPTIONS

**1 Do you agree that the current service delivery model needs to change?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'No' please tell us why.

**2 Are there any other options we should consider?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'Yes' please describe the option(s) below

**3 Have all the advantages and disadvantages of the different models been identified?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'No' please comment.

**OPTION APPRAISAL**

**4 Are the option appraisal objectives appropriate?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'No' please comment.

**5 Do you agree with the weighting given to the objectives?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'No' please tell us why.

**6 Do you agree with the short list of options?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'No' please tell us why.

## EQUALITY

**7** When you think of the range of people in need of this service, can you identify any equality groupings that may experience particular difficulties under any of the model options?

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'Yes' please explain which groupings and what are the difficulties or needs.

**8** What do you suggest we could do to address those difficulties or needs?

## **RURAL IMPACT**

**9 Are there implications for rural areas we need to consider?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'Yes' please comment on the implications and how we could ensure a fair rural outcome.

## **FINAL COMMENTS**

**10 Do you have any other comments?**

Yes  No  (please tick a box)

If you ticked 'Yes' please comment.

**Thank you for your comments.**

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It is expected that we will publish a summary of responses following the completion of this engagement exercise. Your responses and all other responses may be disclosed on request. We can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances.

**Before** you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality as they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this pre-consultation.

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