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# Indicator CCG88

The proportion of eligible people with diabetes who are offered an appointment for diabetic eye screening.

# Indicator type

Clinical commissioning group indicator.

# Rationale

A range of eye problems can affect people with diabetes. One of these conditions is diabetic retinopathy, caused by high blood sugar levels damaging the back of the eye (retina). Diabetic retinopathy can cause blindness if it is left undiagnosed and untreated, however if problems are caught early, treatment can help prevent or reduce vision loss. This indicator will identify the proportion of eligible people with diabetes who are offered an appointment for diabetic eye screening to help providers to maximise participation in the screening programme.

# Source guidance

[Type 1 diabetes in adults: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG17](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng17) (2015, updated 2022), recommendation 1.15.5.

[Type 2 diabetes in adults: management. NICE guideline NG28](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28) (2015, updated 2022), recommendation 1.8.25.

[Diabetes (type 1 and type 2) in children and young people: diagnosis and management. NICE guideline NG18](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng18) (2015, updated 2023) recommendations 1.2.125 and 1.3.84.

# Specification

Numerator: The number of people in the denominator offered an appointment for diabetic eye screening during the reporting period.

Denominator: The number of eligible people with diabetes, on the final day of the reporting period.

Calculation: Numerator/denominator\*100

Exclusions: None.

Data source: [NHS Diabetic Eye Screening programme](https://www.gov.uk/topic/population-screening-programmes/diabetic-eye).

Minimum population: The indicator would be appropriate to assess performance of individual CCGs.

# Further information

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