



A SCONe project update



Sight Scotland and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh hosted a SCONe Project Update Event on the 14th June at the Playfair Library Hall in Edinburgh.

During the event an audience representing Scottish Government, charities, patients, industry, NHS, ophthalmologists and optometrists heard an update on milestones achieved by SCONe and a vision for the future of the project.

SCONe researchers outlined progress made so far including governance processes followed and new developments in retinal image analysis.

A major milestone highlighted was the successful export and secure transfer of over 30,000 retinal images from optometry practices to the National Safe Haven. Thousands more images are anticipated by end of October 2022, creating one of the largest community-acquired retinal image repositories in the world.



The audience at the SCONE Project Update Event heard from **Morven Campbell**, Optometrist and Co-Owner of Iris Blue Optical, about her experience as one of SCONE's first pilot practices.

"The SCONE team have been wonderful to work with, they have worked around our needs as a practice, timing visits to suit us and dealing with all technical aspects... I would encourage all optometry practices to get involved and take their place as a facilitator to invaluable eyecare research."



Craig Spalding, CEO of Sight Scotland and co-organiser of the SCONE Project Update Event remarked:

"With the number of people with sight loss in Scotland set to rise to over 200,000 in the next decade, it's never been more urgent for us to propel research into learning more about the early signs and progression of eye conditions and set about developing new technologies and treatments. That's why Sight Scotland is funding some of the most pioneering research projects in Scotland."

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our funders:



A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to thank the optometrists who have already engaged with the SCONE project. If you would like to get involved or ask any questions, please email us at scone@ed.ac.uk.

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