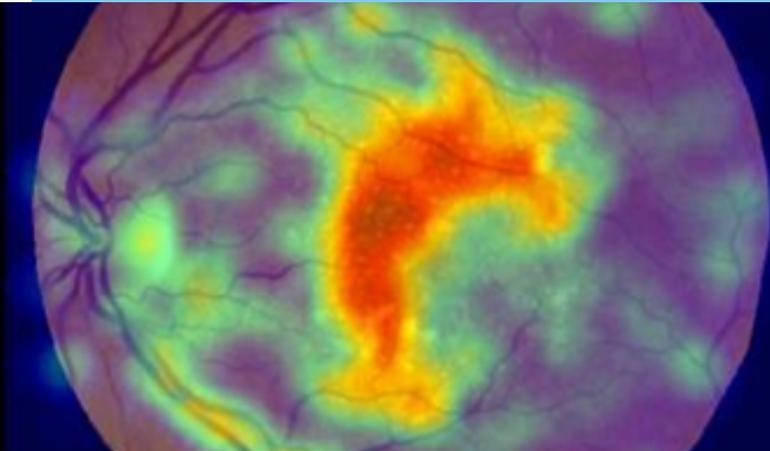


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SCONe Phase 2 Approval

We are pleased to announce that we have received approval from NHS Scotland's Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care (PBPPHSC) to continue growing the SCONe retinal image repository. We will do this by recruiting more practices and continuing to broaden the population represented in the SCONe cohort. It is important that the cohort is representative of the Scottish adult population in a variety of dimensions including sex, ethnicity and socioeconomic experience to ensure that any research findings are generalisable.

This high level governance approval follows a detailed review of all of our procedures for secure retrieval, processing and delivery of retinal images to the National Safe Haven where they are linked to other routinely collected healthcare data and pseudonymised.

As the SCONe retinal image repository grows in size with more people represented and more images (with and without signs of disease), the breadth of research topics which it can support will also grow. We will update on these as they progress. As previously reported our first priority is to find out whether we can predict eye disease (such as AMD and glaucoma) before diagnosis (or vision loss).

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GCU ALUMNI EVENT

SCONe Co-Chief Investigator Professor Niall Strang gave a short update on the SCONe Project as part of the GCU Vision Sciences Alumni Event on Thursday 24th August.

Team members Heather Anderson and Dr Claire Tochel also attended the event and spoke to attendees about involvement in the project.



FEEDBACK FROM A PARTICIPATING PRACTICE

Andrew King, of Andrew King Optician, shares his experience of participating in SCONe.

"The SCONe project is very exciting and I am delighted that my practice was able to take part. **The data-gathering visit was remarkably brief, pleasant and unobtrusive.**

The potential benefits of SCONe to patients are enormous and it is terrific that this is taking place in Scotland. **I heartily commend the project to other optometric practices."**



SCONe WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS

SCONe welcomes three new team members:



Jordan Watson
Retinal Imaging Research Associate



Heather Anderson
Retinal Imaging Research Associate



Sam Watts
Retinal Image Analysis Research Fellow

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TAKE PART IN SCONe

We have made it even easier to take part in SCONe.

Optometry practices can now register their interest with SCONe or request more information about the project online.

Click the link below to fill out our simple online form and a member of the SCONe team will get in touch at a time that suits you.

[Click HERE to register with SCONe](#)

