

# Why should we have a nationwide retinal image resource?

**Better understanding of eye disease and general health**

**Better outcomes for patients**

**Support community optometrists**

**Provide educational resources**

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# What is SCONE?

The Scottish Collaborative Optometry-Ophthalmology Network e-research is a new collaborative venture aiming to build a world-leading nationwide retinal image resource for innovation in eye research, healthcare and education.



**My optometrist is part of the SCONE network.**

## What does this mean?

SCONE's team of optometrists, ophthalmologists and researchers are working together with IT experts to securely transfer retinal images captured in this practice to the National Safe Haven. This will allow approved researchers to discover new information about eye diseases such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of blindness in the UK.

## Will my data be safe?

The National Safe Haven is a secure storage facility run by Public Health Scotland. Your data will not be shared outwith this secure storage facility, and Public Health Scotland will control who has access to the data. At no point will any personal identifiable data be shared with researchers.

## What governance does SCONE's work follow?

SCONE follows the strictest governance protocols. The collection of retinal images by SCONE has been approved by NHS Scotland's Public Benefit and Privacy Panel for Health and Social Care.

All research conducted using the SCONE research resource will be subject to stringent ethics approvals.

**I have more questions.**

## Who can I ask?

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