



**Western Isles Diabetes
Managed Clinical
Network**

SCI-DC

SCOTTISH CARE INFORMATION

DIABETES COLLABORATION

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

What is SCI-DC?

The Scottish Care Information- Diabetes Collaboration is a national computerised system. It aims to provide a **single patient record** and a **region-wide** register of all people with diabetes.

Information about you and your diabetes is currently recorded in both your GP and hospital notes. The SCI-DC system takes information from a number of different people who support patients with diabetes. These include your GP practice, hospital diabetes clinic, Podiatrist and Dietitian. It then combines all the information into a single record. This allows everyone who cares for you to see the latest information about your diabetes.

We believe this allows decisions about your care to be made on the best information available. It also helps with communication and reduces duplication.

What will my information be used for?

Individual Patient Records

SCI-DC records are strictly confidential, the same as your GP or Hospital Records.

The single patient record will allow health professionals access to up-to-date information about your diabetes. This will improve your diabetes care and help you to look after your diabetes.

SCI-DC is password protected and only people who are directly involved with your care will have access to your information. This will comply with the Data Protection Act 1998

At your GP Practice

SCI-DC allows practices to audit the care they provide. It also identifies people who need to be reviewed at clinic.

Regional

The SCI-DC register will be used to call people for digital eye screening on an annual basis. Your

results and images will be stored on the SCI-DC system and will be available when you visit your diabetes clinic.

The register will provide **anonymous** information for the annual Scottish Diabetes Survey undertaken by the Scottish Executive.

Please be assured that NO identifiable information from SCI-DC will be given out to parties who are not directly related to your individual care.

What are the benefits of SCI-DC?

- ◆ It will prevent duplication of care
- ◆ Test results and reports from Hospital clinics/Diabetes Nurse will be available to the GP the next day.
- ◆ Reports and results from your GP clinic can be seen by the Hospital clinic/Diabetes Nurse the following day.
- ◆ Automatic inclusion in the Retinal eye screening programme
- ◆ Less risk of being lost to follow-up
- ◆ Improved communication between the staff that look after your diabetes

What if I don't want my details included in SCI-DC?

You will automatically be included in SCI-DC. However, you have the right to refuse your details being included. Please be aware that if you remove your name from the register, you will forfeit the benefits of being on the SCI-DC system.

If you decide that you do not want to have a shared patient record held on SCI-DC then you should inform the nurse at your usual diabetes clinic.

If you would like further information please contact....

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