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## Digital Healthcare introduces new service to help DRSS Schemes achieve their headline targets

With Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service schemes now in place across the United Kingdom, Digital Healthcare has taken the next step in the development of these schemes by providing a service to help its customers hit their headline targets.

Digital Healthcare is now providing all of its customers with an automated series of reports that help them to ensure that they invite all their patients for screening, that they screen all of their patients and that they reduce the incidences of blindness.

These reports, which will be provided free of charge on a quarterly basis, will list every active patient who has not yet been invited (according to strict definitions), and also provide enough supplementary information to allow action to be taken. Patients such as Post Office Returns and In Care Ophthalmology (without recent feedback) are shown. In addition the reports will identify individual patients that will have an impact on achieving the target, for example patients that may have been imported into the programme with a recall date which is too long in the future.

The service has been piloted at the Derbyshire Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service who not only found the service to be extremely useful but also found that it helped them identify areas for improvement in operational processes and procedures.

Kevin McDonnell, General Manager at Digital Healthcare commented “now that DRSS schemes are in place it is important to move quickly to the next phase of development which is improving their efficiency. We believe this new service will help all of our customers manage their programmes more effectively and ensure a greater level of patient care.”

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**About Digital Healthcare:**

Digital Healthcare provides software and related services for very large scale population eye screening and technology to manage information and images in clinical ophthalmology. In the UK care of over 1million diabetic patients is managed using Digital Healthcare's OptoMize product with 39 regional Diabetic Retinal Screening Schemes providing screening to their patient populations to detect early and previously undiagnosed signs of diabetic retinopathy and other causes of blindness.

In the US the Company's Retasure service to detect signs of retinopathy in diabetic patients is used by nearly 900 physicians in 19 states. Digital Healthcare's OcuLab product is used by some of the World's leading Ophthalmology Departments, including The Wilmer Institute in Baltimore MD, to integrate clinical instruments and distribute information across their institutions.

Digital Healthcare's award winning products are built on Microsoft's .Net and SQL Server technologies delivering powerful, scalable functionality in a secure and future proof environment.