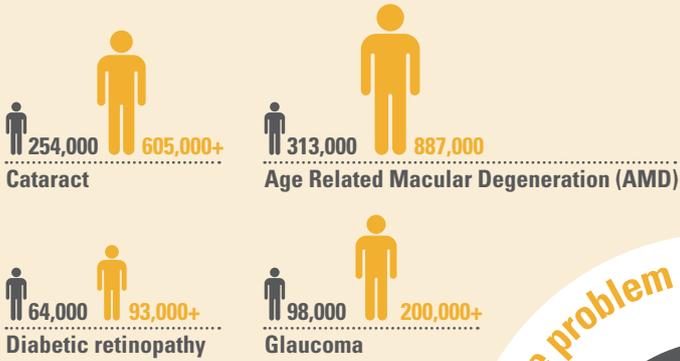


Don't be shortsighted: prioritise eye health

People living with sight loss in the UK

1.9m **4m**¹

2010 2050



Number of people living with eye health conditions in ■ 2010 and ■ 2050²

The cost of blindness in the UK is estimated at:

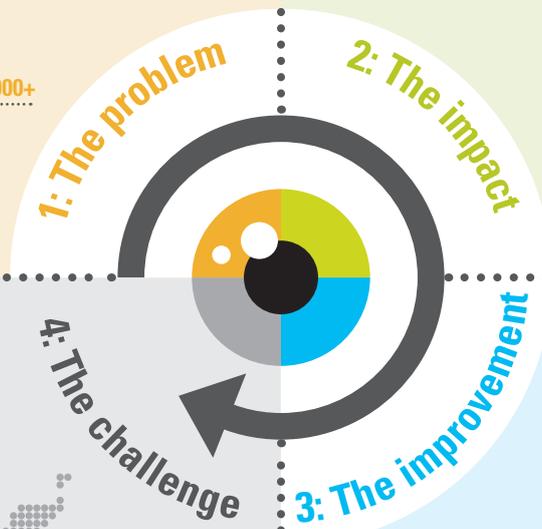
£22 billion²



The UK economy **45%** of visually impaired and blind people are employed vs 73% of all working age people³

The individual **34%** of visually impaired people in the UK feel unhappy or depressed⁴

The NHS **8.3%** of hospital outpatient attendances in England related to ophthalmology in 2014/15⁵



Major variations remain

Cataract surgery waiting times

44-222 days⁹

Treatment capacity



80%

of eye departments report insufficient capacity for current demand¹⁰

Screening

72-93% uptake of diabetic retinopathy screening in England¹¹



Treatment and prevention



Innovations have played a central role in treating and preventing sightloss. For example:

2009-10 Following the introduction of screening, diabetic eye disease stopped being the leading cause of blindness in adults of working age⁶



330,000 cataract operations performed in England each year⁷



50% reduction in blindness registrations for wet AMD since the introduction of new treatments⁸



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