RNIB Sight Loss Data Tool

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What is the Sight Loss Data Tool

RNIB's Sight Loss Data Tool is the UK's biggest collection of eye health and sight loss data. Helping people understand eye health and sight loss at a local level.

Developed by RNIB over more than a decade, the Sight Loss Data Tool brings together data from multiple sources to provide a fuller picture of sight loss and eye health.

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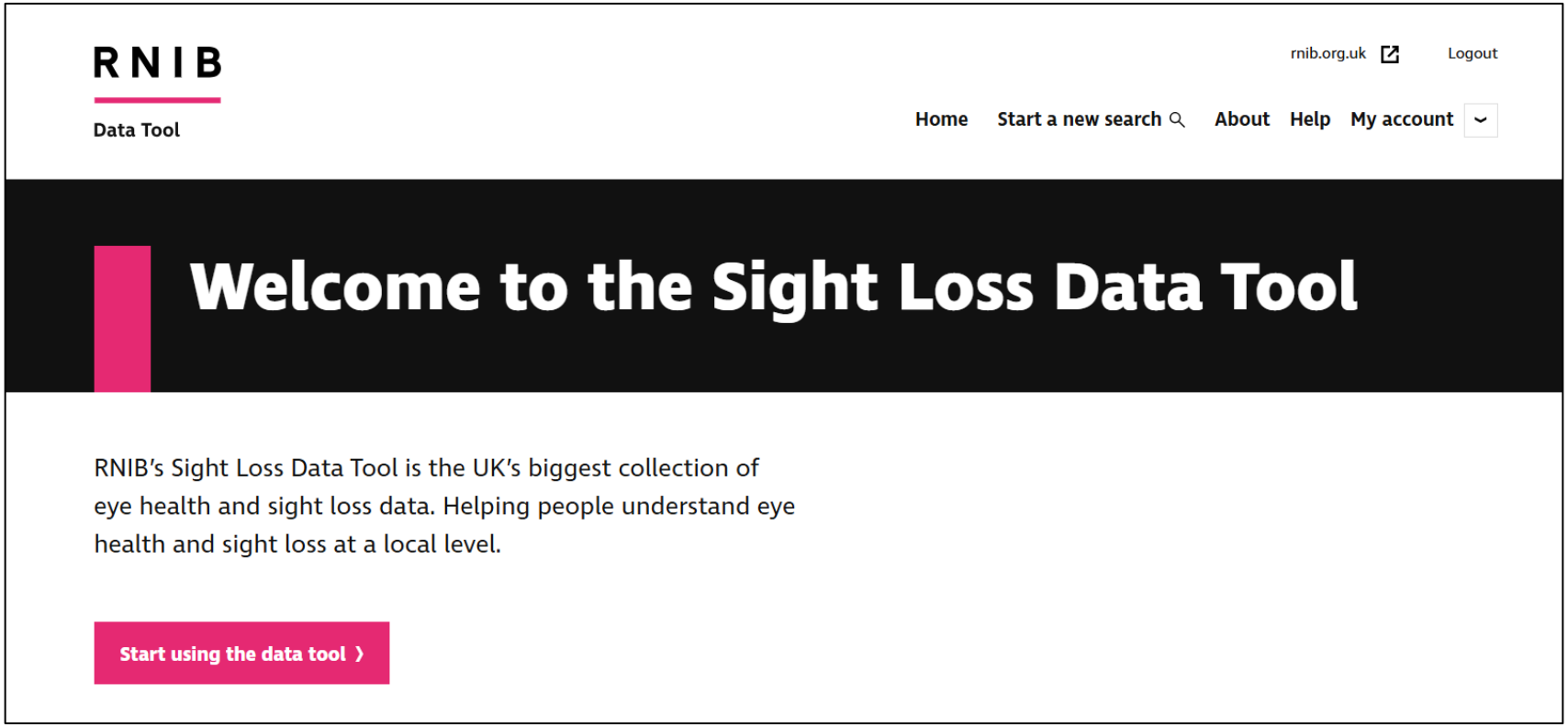
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Why the Sight Loss Data Tool matters?

The Sight Loss Data Tool was developed to address three challenges:

- Sight loss and eye health is not always well identified in service data.
- Relevant data is fragmented across multiple sources.
- People need accessible evidence at different geographic levels.

Introducing the new Sight Loss Data Tool



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Two key types of data

Routine and population data

- Health and social care data
- Certification and registration data
- General population (Census)
- Population characteristics and risk factors

Modelled estimates

- Sight loss prevalence and incidence
- Wider eye condition prevalence
- Economic impact
- Related health conditions and outcomes

Incidence of sight loss

- People newly living with sight loss each year.
- Tells us about the future demand for services.

Incidence of sight loss

Certification of Vision Impairment (CVI)

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Incidence of sight loss

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- Referral
- Diagnosis
- Appointments
- Eligibility
- Offered CVI
- CVI issued

Drop off at each stage = hidden need

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Incidence of sight loss

Without sight loss incidence data:

- Planning is based on service activity data.
- Underestimates demand.

With sight loss incidence data:

- Provides a more complete picture of need.
- Full geographic coverage.

Reach and impact

Since April 2026:

- 1,000 registered users
- 13,000 data searches.
- Around half of users work outside the sight loss sector.

Used to support:

- Service planning.
- Fundraising.
- Communication.
- Advocacy.

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Independent assessment

From ESRC-funded project evaluation:

"The Sight Loss Data Tool was seen as critical and described as "**singularly one of the biggest influencers**" in the sight loss sector."

From ForgeFront report on RNIB data capabilities:

SLDT data is **"industry leading**" and the new tool could be "**a game changer** in wider perceptions of the RNIB and data."

The future

We are committed to:

- Keeping the evidence up-to-date and relevant.
- Adding new data, functionality and features.
- Work with users to understand and respond to their needs.

Better data. Better understanding. Better decisions.