

**FOI Request: Extended GP Access**  
**Our Reference Number: 1314226**

**1. Does your CCG plan to extend access to GP practice services in order to reduce pressure on hospitals?**

The NHS Southend CCG has no current plans to extend access to GP services.

**If yes:**

**2. How much will practices get paid to extend hours/availability?**

N/A

**3. What staff has to be there?**

N/A

**4. What additional hours will they be expected to be open?**

N/A

**5. How much per year is this scheme (across all practices) expected to cost for the CCG?**

N/A

**6. What is the targeted reduction in hospital/A&E use?**

N/A

**If no:**

**7. Is this being, or will this be considered?**

Not currently. There is a walk in centre within the Southend CCG area which provides a valuable service in providing an alternative to A&E and the NHS111 service in this area is performing well. Member practices are also considering their improvement plans as part of QOF QP A&E indicators during October.