

**Update for People Scrutiny Committee  
14<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**The Practice Northumberland Avenue, Southend-on-Sea<sup>1</sup>**

This practice is in Thorpe ward and has 3 GP's and operates extended opening hours, including opening at weekends. It has a 'Good' CQC rating.

NHS England have recently advised that the current APMS<sup>2</sup> contract with the practice is due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and intends to re procure the service currently provided via another APMS contract. The contract will be offered for an initial term of 10 years, with the option to continue for 2 more years, then a further 3 more years (subject to the agreement of both the Commissioner and Provider).

NHS England does not intend to make any changes to the hours the practice is open, location, catchment area, services provided.

There is a Patient Reference Group which meets quarterly and NHS England will be meeting with the Group on 14<sup>th</sup> July. There will be further engagement events and will distribute patient surveys to patients over the next few months.

The Committee is asked to note the position.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.thepracticenorthumberlandave.nhs.uk/index.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> APMS is an 'Alternative Provider Medical Services' contract