

## APPENDIX 6

### **Consultation on orthopaedic surgery - Joint consultation by Southend CCG and Castle Point & Rochford CCG**

Residents in Castle Point, Rochford and Southend CCG were asked for their views on proposed changes to orthopaedic care.

The two local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) - NHS Southend CCG and NHS Castle Point and Rochford CCG - are jointly reviewing their policies in the hope they can improve outcomes for patients after surgery. The move is supported by Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

Currently patients have to meet certain criteria in order to be eligible for orthopaedic surgery, but clinicians have raised concerns that existing criteria is not stringent enough. This means patients are undergoing surgery despite having other, related health conditions and suffering poorer outcomes as a result. The CCGs are potentially going to change their eligibility criteria for total hip replacements, simultaneous joint replacements, total knee replacements and arthroscopy. Surgery is not always completely successful if patients have not addressed other conditions which impact on their physical health. There is clear evidence that patients who have a BMI of 40+ or who smoke have poorer outcomes following hip and knee replacements. The CCGs are looking to enhance the existing criteria and run this public consultation asking for views.