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## **News release**

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### **Primecare opens new NHS walk-in centre for Dudley residents**

Leading commercial health care provider Primecare opens a brand new walk-in centre for people in the borough of Dudley.

The health centre opens on 13 July 2009 and is available 8am – 8pm seven days a week, offering fast, convenient access to NHS doctors and nurses. The Walk-in Centre is based at the Holly Hall Clinic, on Stourbridge Road, Dudley.

Anyone can use the walk-in centre, including commuters into the borough, visitors, and those not registered with a GP practice. Appointments can be booked ahead or patients can visit with no need for an appointment.

The Walk-in Centre offers all the services expected from a family doctor or nurse, ranging from childhood immunisations to prescriptions for medication and advice for those with long-term health conditions.

Additionally, the centre offers some minor surgery, help for minor injuries (sprains, strains, cuts and bruises) and will offer specialised services for those with heart failure, diabetes and learning disabilities.

Walk-in Centre manager Beryl Wickstead said: "We've made it easy to see a doctor or nurse at the Walk-in Centre. Open from 8am until 8pm, seven days a week and every day of the year, we offer NHS healthcare when you need it. There is no need to register. You can use these services when it is convenient and keep registered with your usual GP practice."

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