

For the Record – Press Statement

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<p>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>A patient at Russells Hall Hospital who has been medically fit for more than 500 days is being discharged to a nursing home where her ongoing care needs can be met.</p> <p>Clinicians from both the nursing home and hospital are confident that her care will be delivered safely in a nursing home environment. Unfortunately her wish to be cared for at home with 24 hour nursing care cannot be met by the NHS currently.</p> <p>We have worked extremely hard with the patient, her family and Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group to find a resolution but this has not been successful.</p> <p>It is very important that NHS resources are used responsibly and shared fairly. When a medically fit patient remains in hospital, it means that the bed is not available to treat other patients requiring acute care.</p> <p>The patient has been transferred with her cooperation. We have informed her close family members and explained the reasons for the discharge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> <p>Notes for editors For further information please contact Jackie Dietrich, Communications Manager for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust via 01384 244403 or email communications@dgh.nhs.uk</p>	