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PRESS RELEASE

### **Trust lands prestigious award for preventing hazards in its hospitals**

The Dudley Group has clinched a prestigious international health and safety award for keeping its hospitals safe and free of hazards.

The Trust is the overall winner of the 'The Health Care Services Award' in the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) Occupational Health and Safety Awards 2012.

The award was presented at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel in recognition of its approach to the prevention of accidents, ill health and safety management.

"We are particularly proud of the benefits the Trust has achieved with the help and involvement of our senior health and safety representatives," said The Dudley Group's Health and Safety Facilitator, Graham Dunn.

"Our staff identify and prevent workplace hazards, avoiding the dangers of poor working practices.

"We are confident we can continue to lead rather than follow other organisations in Occupational Health and Safety awareness."

The awards are made as a result of adjudication under the supervision of an independent, expert panel which includes experienced health and safety professionals.

In order to win, the Trust had to show a consistently excellent and continuously improving performance in health and safety.

David Rawlins, Awards Manager at RoSPA said: "The RoSPA Awards programme provides well deserved recognition for the winners and spurs on other organisations to raise their standards of accident and ill health prevention. We congratulate The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust on its success."

In 2011 The Dudley Group was awarded the Order of Distinction in the RoSPA Occupational Health and Safety Awards.

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