

For the Record – Press Statement

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Reporter	Paul Bentley
Headline	Pushed outside and left to die
First paragraph	A frail pensioner died after being removed by security guards at Russells Hall Hospital in a shocking incident hospital bosses allegedly tried to cover up.
Press enquiry	Daily Mail reporter Paul Bentley said he has been looking into the case of Mohammed Yasin, who was thrown out of the hospital in November 2008 by security and found dead a few hours later by a nearby bus stop. His friends claim a hospital director contacted one of them afterwards and a consultant visited him at home to ask him not to speak to the press. Can the Trust comment?
Comment from Paula Clark, Chief Executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust	
<p>There was a public inquest into the death six years ago of Mohammed Yasin in which the coroner recorded an open verdict. This was reported by local media in Dudley. The gentleman was brought into A&E by ambulance intoxicated and in a state of self neglect refusing to be assessed by our staff. Therefore, security staff were asked to remove him from the department because his behaviour was causing distress to other patients. The coroner pointed out that other patients' needs also had to be borne in mind and perhaps takes precedence over Mr Yasin's needs, given that he refused treatment.</p> <p>The friends of Mr Yasin were not told they could not speak to the press. The then chief executive Paul Farenden did meet with his friends to discuss their concerns. We offer all complainants meetings early in our complaints process. One of our senior consultants also met with them as he is a respected member of the local Muslim community.</p> <p>***ENDS***</p> <p>For more information, please contact Jackie Dietrich, Communications Manager for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust on (01384) 456111 extension 3403.</p>	