

For the Record – Press Statements

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Reporter	Richard Guttridge
Headline	Mother gives birth on pavement
First paragraph/s of article	Giving birth all alone on a freezing pavement at 4.20am is no one's idea of the perfect delivery.
Press enquiry	<p>The Express and Star called to say Alexandra Smith gave birth to son Josh on the pavement outside Russells Hall Hospital in the early hours of the morning on 30th December. Alexandra and her partner Kieron are extremely grateful to the staff who helped them.</p> <p>The Express and Star asked whether the Trust would like to comment.</p>
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>We would like to congratulate Alexandra and Kieron on the birth of their son Josh who couldn't quite wait to be born in a comfortable, warm delivery room at the Maternity on 30th December 2014! Fortunately midwives from the unit were able to attend to mother and baby as soon as they got the call from Dad on the pavement outside the Maternity entrance.</p> <p>Babies sometimes make an appearance before reaching the intended place of delivery. In Dudley we have around 50 births a year either at home, en-route or outside the hospital building.</p> <p>We are pleased that mother and baby are well and that parents are happy with the care and attention they received from the staff in attendance. We wish them all the very best for the future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***ENDS***</p>	