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<b>Reporter</b>	Rob Golledge
<b>Headline</b>	<b>Hospital bosses get pay rises of £10,000</b>
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	HOSPITAL chief executives in the West Midlands were awarded pay rises worth up to £10,000, it has been revealed.
<b>Paragraphs relating to Dudley Group</b>	At the Dudley Group, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, chief executive Paula Clarke was paid salary of between £180,000 and £185,000, up from £175,000 and £180,000.
<b>Press enquiry</b>	The Express and Star did not contact the Trust for a comment. Below is our response to the article.
<b>Trust response</b>	<p><b>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>The Express and Star has implied Paula Clark has received a £10,000 pay rise. This is not true.</p> <p>In line with all staff, Paula has received a 1% pay award following a three-year pay freeze after she started working for the Trust in 2009. All directors were subject to the same pay freeze.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">***ENDS***</p>