

For the Record – Press Statements

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Headline	Cancer patients wait months for treatment
First paragraph/s of article	Hundreds of patients are waiting more than two months for cancer treatment at hospitals in the West Midlands, new figures reveal.
Paragraphs relating to Dudley Group	<p>Only Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital met the Government's target of 85 per cent of admitted patients waiting a maximum of 62 days from January to March this year.</p> <p>Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital met the target with 87.5 per cent, but Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust - which runs Sandwell and City Hospitals - narrowly missed it with 84.1 per cent.</p>
Press enquiry	The Express and Star contacted the Trust following the publication of cancer waiting times by NHS England and asked the Trust to comment.
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>We work hard to ensure patients are treated as quickly as possible within or better than the nationally set time frame. This helps to ensure the best possible outcomes for our patients. Although we perform well against the targets, we are always looking at ways to further improve our performance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p>	