

**For the Record – Press Statements**

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<b>Reporter</b>	Tim Spiers
<b>Headline</b>	Midwife gets caution for accessing records
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	<p>A MIDWIFE will not be struck off – despite accessing the medical records of more than 22 people to find out which one of her colleagues was pregnant.</p> <p>Naomi Fletcher began spying on her colleagues' blood records at Russells Hall Hospital when she heard a rumour that one of them was carrying a baby.</p>
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express and Star contacted the Trust following a Nursing and Midwifery Council hearing of a former employee.</p> <p>Is there anything the Trust would like to say about its own investigation into what happened?</p> <p>Has an apology been offered to those who have had their records accessed?</p> <p>Can you confirm the circumstance behind Ms Fletcher leaving the Trust, i.e. was her contract terminated?</p>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>We reported and investigated this incident at the time in line with Trust policy. We can confirm that Ms Fletcher is no longer employed by The Dudley Group.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p>	