

### For the Record – Press Statement

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<b>Press enquiry</b>	The Trust was contacted by various media outlets in relation to a report on our maternity services. published on 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017.
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>This report came about because we reported a higher number of serious incidents compared to comparable trusts in the West Midlands during April 2014 to December 2015.</p> <p>We worked closely and openly with our commissioners and other key health partners to form a quality improvement board in 2016 to review 25 maternity incidents that we reported between April 2014 and December 2015. Each of the 25 cases were thoroughly clinically reviewed and found that there were five cases of avoidable harm and sadly one baby died. We have been open with the families concerned and once again offer our sincere condolences and apologies.</p> <p>The families involved were given the opportunity to actively engage in the process, contribute towards any lessons learned and were kept informed throughout. Being involved in our review has been invaluable and I would like to thank them for sharing their experiences.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*** ENDS ***</b></p> <p><b>Notes for editors</b></p> <p>For further information please contact Jackie Dietrich, Communications manager for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust via 01384 244403 or email <a href="mailto:communications@dgh.nhs.uk">communications@dgh.nhs.uk</a></p>	