

For the Record – Press Statement

Publication and reporter	Stourbridge News, Martyn Smith
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Headline	Brexit bites the NHS but Russells Hall Trust looks for homegrown talent
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	<p>The Black Country’s biggest hospital, Russells Hall, has seen a drop in recruitment from the EU since the referendum last year.</p> <p>However, according to the Dudley Trust’s boss the drop is nothing to do with Brexit.</p> <p>Diane Wake, Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust chief executive, said: “The drop in the percentage of staff recruited from the EU is not connected to the referendum.</p>
Press enquiry	<p>The Stourbridge News contacted the Trust for a comment about the drop in the numbers of staff recruited from the European Union. They said, NHS statistics show a fall in the proportion of new staff joining the Dudley Trust from the EU in consecutive years from 2014-5 to 2015-16 and into the first six months of 2016-17.</p> <p>The reporter asked for a comment as it is “clearly a major drop in recruitment from the EU since the referendum vote to leave the EU”.</p>
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>The drop in the percentage of staff recruited from the EU is not connected to the referendum.</p> <p>Oversees recruitment is no longer a Trust strategy. We have refocused our recruitment activities to hire local, UK-based staff. We have recently recruited 72 nurses from two very successful recruitment open days in September and from our graduate nursing programme. We have a further 25 graduate nurses starting with us in January 2018. We plan to hold monthly recruitment open days to attract more local talent.</p>	

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Notes for editors

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