

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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