

For the Record – Press Statement

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| Publication and reporter | Birmingham Mail Express & Star Dudley News |
| Date of article | 25.11.17 |
| Headline | Patient wins payout over surgery blunder |
| Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group | <p>A father has received a five figure payout after he suffered a cardiac arrest when anaesthetist left the operating theatre as he was undergoing surgery at a Black Country Hospital.</p> <p>Adam Bennett, aged 48, had gone to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley for routine surgery when he went into cardiac arrest, forcing the procedure to be abandoned.</p> |
| Press enquiry | <p>The Trust was contacted by various media outlets about a patient who suffered a cardiac arrest during an operation at Russells Hall Hospital in April 2015 after the anaesthetist left the operating theatre during the surgery.</p> <p>The Trust was asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would you like to comment on the story? • Has any action been taken against the doctor in question? • Was there an investigation carried out by the Trust? |
| Trust response | |
| <p>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>We accept that the temporary absence of the anaesthetist during Adam Bennett’s procedure was inexcusable and that if he had been present the situation would have been managed differently.</p> <p>During our investigation into the incident, the anaesthetist was placed on restricted practice and referred to the General Medical Council. We would like to apologise to Mr Bennett for any distress caused.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> <p>Notes for editors</p> <p>For further information please contact Jackie Dietrich for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust via 01384 244403 or email communications@dgh.nhs.uk</p> | |