

For the Record – Press Statement

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Headline	Hospital failings over infections
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	Staff at Russells Hall Hospital failed to take sufficient action to prevent the spread of infections on wards, an investigation found.
Press enquiry	<p>The Express & Star contacted the Trust in relation to an NHS Improvement report on infection control published in December's board papers.</p> <p>The report shows the Trust was given a red RAG rating, with concerns raised about infection control and the actions of staff. The Trust was asked to comment.</p>
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>We invited NHS Improvement to visit us to give us an objective view of our Infection Prevention and Control procedures. It was disappointing that they found some areas where we could do better and we are working hard to make improvements in these areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory infection prevention and control training is now required every year for all clinical staff. • Brand new alcohol hand rub and hand wash stations, alongside improved signage, have been installed at Russells Hall Hospital. • A number of Trust policies have been reviewed and updated to make them more robust. • Our Infection Prevention and Control Team are working closely with all staff to ensure basic infection control practices are business as usual. <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> <p>Notes for editors</p> <p>For further information please contact Alice Ford, Communications and Staff Engagement Officer for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust via 01384 244403 or email communications@dgh.nhs.uk</p>	