

**For the Record – Press Statement**

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<b>Date of article</b>	27.12.17
<b>Headline</b>	<b>Almost £1.6m given to hospital charities</b>
<b>Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group</b>	<p>Two hospital charities have received almost £1.6million through fundraising, donations and legacies in 12 months.</p> <p>The money has been used to benefit patients and staff through a variety of projects in Sandwell and Dudley.</p> <p>The Dudley Group NHS Charity received £246,257 in donations and £17,935 in legacies during the 2016/17 financial year. Fundraising also helped to add £79,314 to the pot.</p>
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express and Star contacted the Trust in relation to hospital charities in the local area.</p> <p>The Trust was asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much has been donated to The Dudley Group charity in the past year?</li> <li>• Could you provide examples of what the money has been used for and who has benefited?</li> </ul>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>Our charitable donations for the financial year 2016/2017 were:</p> <p>Donations: £246,257.29 Fundraising: £79,314.65 Legacy: £17,935.02</p> <p>We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of those who support our charity in the form of donations, legacies and taking part in fundraising.</p> <p>The charitable donations we receive allow us to provide extra comfort, equipment and facilities that otherwise would not be available. These help to make a real difference to those we care for every day.</p> <p>Donations during the year have been used to introduce new digital reminiscence therapy software to areas across Russells Hall Hospital which offers cognitive therapy to help calm, stimulate and reduce agitation in patients with dementia. We have also</p>	

been able to buy other items such as specialist beds, bladder scanners, wheelchairs, bedside fans and privacy screens.

On behalf of the Trust's charity, I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who has supported Dudley Group NHS Charity during 2016.

**If anyone would like to donate to our charity, they can phone our general office on 01384 456111 ext. 2872 or email [dgft.general.office@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.general.office@nhs.net)**

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#### **Notes for editors**

Anyone wishing to make a donation to Dudley Group NHS Charity can do so in the following ways:

- **In person:** At our General Office behind Main Reception at Russells Hall Hospital **between 9am – 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm Monday to Friday(cash, cheque\* or bank card)**
- **Phone:** Bank card (debit or credit card excluding Amex)
- **By post:** Addressed to General Office, Russells Hall Hospital, DY1 2HQ (cheque\*)
- **Online:** Via Just Giving [www.justgiving.com/dghc](http://www.justgiving.com/dghc)

*\*Cheques to be made payable to Dudley Group NHS Charity*

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