

**Christmas has come early for Russells Hall Hospital Emergency Department set to receive £20 million refurbishment**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Government have today announced a major multi-year £2.9 billion funding package of additional capital investment in the NHS to provide better service models for patients, integrate care services and renew aging facilities and Dudley has been successful.

Diane Wake, Chief Executive of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust which runs Russells Hall Hospital said,

“We are thrilled that our application for £20.3million funding has been successful and are keen to get the much needed work underway, Christmas has come early. This really is the most exciting news this year, the people of Dudley deserve this. It will allow us to provide a better service and for patients to be seen in a more comfortable environment.

“Our emergency department was built in 1980 and the demand on our emergency services has grown significantly since then. This improvement project builds on the addition of the Urgent Care Centre last year and is part of an ongoing improvement project of the whole ED.

“This injection of capital will allow us to radically redesign the area and improve the way patients flow through the department ultimately improving patient care and experience. This really is a landmark moment for the people of Dudley who will have a state of the art emergency department.

Ash Singal, Clinical lead for ED said, “Having recently joined Dudley Group this is such an exciting piece of news for us. Our department is small for the volume of people we see and at times it is hard to keep people moving through the system which affects their experience of our service. This is the best Christmas present we could hope for’.

Paul Maubach, Accountable Officer for Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group said, “I am really pleased to see Dudley receive this funding which will support the redesign of ED to better support patient safety and outcomes.”

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