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PRESS RELEASE

Nurses upskill to care for patients at home

Four community nurses with The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust have studied with Wolverhampton University to improve their skills and help them keep patients out of hospital.

The four Band 5 nurses have now qualified as specialist practitioners in district nursing after the 12-month course. They attended university two days a week and spent two days in clinical practice, rotating between the different teams in community nursing.

Louise Griffiths, Vicky Cormell, Sally Grimmett-Bate and Roxanna Taylor learned ways to evaluate the economic, social and political influences that affect district nursing and other aspects of health care.

Community nursing matron Michelle Pinto said: "I am really, really proud of them as it is a very difficult course. They were working as well as studying, with an assignment to complete each semester.

"They now have the expertise of a district nurse and can go out and look after complex patients, helping to keep them at home and out of hospital because evidence shows patients recover better in a familiar environment.

"A further four nurses have been successful in gaining a place on this year's course as we recognise the importance of continuing to upskill our workforce and I wish them all the best for the next year's study."

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From left, Louise Griffiths, Vicky Cormell, Sally Grimmett-Bate, Roxanna Taylor and matron Michelle Pinto.

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