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PRESS RELEASE

Trust success leads to clinic move

Dudley's hospital trust is proving so successful at carrying out hip and knee joint replacement surgery, it is moving its pre-operative 'Joint School' to deal with the number of patients it can see.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust has some of the shortest waiting times in the country for planned procedures, with some patients waiting on average one to two weeks for an initial consultation and, once listed for surgery, just over six weeks for a hip or knee replacement.

Now the Joint School is moving from Russells Hall Hospital to The Guest Outpatient Centre so the team of staff - including nursing, therapy, clerical and hospital volunteers - can see double the number of patients.

Joint School provides patients and their carers with information about their surgery and follow-up care, including advice on exercises and nutrition to enhance their recovery.

As well as being due to the increase in the number of patients requiring joint replacement surgery, the move is a response to the positive feedback the Trust has received from patients on the facilities and location of The Guest Outpatient Centre.

The clinic will move from 8th January 2020.

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