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## Dudley best in the country for meeting A&E target

The Dudley Group has the best performing A&E in the country with 98.9 per cent of patients at Russells Hall Hospital being seen, treated, admitted or discharged within four hours of arrival.

The latest figures published by NHS England for A&E Attendances and Emergency Admissions show that the Trust topped the national 'league table' in the month of October.

"We are really proud of our staff who are working as a Trust-wide team to consistently ensure patients get the right care as quickly as possible," said Paula Clark, Chief Executive for The Dudley Group.

"This is great news for our patients because this achievement places us amongst the very best in the country for quality of care and performance."

Paula attributes a change in culture among staff for the consistent good performance.

"Everyone from A&E staff to ward teams, bed managers, physio and lab staff focus totally on providing quality patient care. Our social services colleagues work with us as a team putting packages of care in place for medically fit patients who are ready to leave hospital."

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