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PRESS RELEASE

Putting diagnostics and vascular services under the microscope

People from across the Black Country have the chance to learn more about diagnostics and vascular services at The Dudley Group's 'Meet Your Experts' Health Fair and 'Behind the Scenes' tour on 26th June 2012.

They will be able to talk to our teams from Imaging, Pathology, Cardiology and Medical Photography, and hear from specialists from the Black Country Vascular Network (BCVN) about changes that will mean patients from Walsall and Wolverhampton who need emergency vascular surgery will be travelling to Russells Hall Hospital.

Following the presentations in the Lecture Theatre, consultants from Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton will be happy to answer questions on what the changes to emergency vascular surgery will mean for patients.

Guests will then be invited to take part in a tour of the Trust's state-of-the-art endovascular suite which is capable of performing advanced surgery for potentially fatal abdominal aortic aneurysms.

"After recently winning the bid to be the specialist centre for emergency vascular surgery for patients across the Black Country, specialist teams from the BCVN are looking forward to welcoming people from Dudley, Walsall and Wolverhampton," said Chief Executive Paula Clark.

"This event will allow access to areas of the hospital not normally seen by patients, carers and their families and give them the opportunity to talk to consultants from Russells Hospital, New Cross Hospital and Walsall Manor Hospital about the way vascular services are being redesigned.

"The work of our diagnostic teams is integral to the successful treatment of our patients; this event will showcase some of the latest techniques used by the Trust."

The event takes place between 5.30pm and 8.00pm, with registration from 5.00pm, in the Clinical Education Centre, C Block, Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, DY1 2HQ.

Places are limited for this event; anyone wishing to attend should call the event organiser Helen Board on (01384) 321124 or email Helen.board@dgh.nhs.uk

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