

For the Record – Press Statements

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Headline	Hospital complaints are flooding in at law firm
First paragraph/s of article	Lawyers are being inundated with dozens of complaints over poor patient care at Midland hospitals every week, with solicitors due to hold talks with health bosses to settle scores of claims.
First paragraph that refers to The Dudley Group	Legal firm Leigh Day and Co Solicitors is pursuing 36 patient claims. Ten of the complaints concern Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley, two relate to Sandwell General Hospital. Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital is cited by two families and 22 at troubled Stafford Hospital. It revealed scores of patients from the West Midlands were raising concerns in the wake of a report on Stafford Hospital.
Press enquiry	Leigh Day and Co Solicitors are investigating 10 claims of poor care at Russells Hall Hospital. Would the Trust like to provide a comment about the claims?
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATIONS TRUST</p> <p>The Dudley Group is committed to offering the best possible care to all patients and we would like to reassure our patients and their families that we do everything in our power to ensure patients are safe and well looked after while they are in our care.</p> <p>The Trust has recently received potential claims by Leigh Day and Co. Solicitors from of a small number people who received care dating back a number of years.</p> <p>We are unable to comment further as this is in the hands of our solicitors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p>	