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Headline	Hospitals to recruit nurses from overseas
First paragraph/s of article	<p>BLACK Country hospitals – including Dudley’s Russells Hall – have resorted to recruiting nurses from overseas because of a shortage in the UK, it was revealed today. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust is turning to Europe in its latest search for qualified nurses.</p> <p>A recent recruitment drive to take on 18 new nurses at Russells Hall Hospital led to just one appointment. Paula Clark, chief executive of the trust, said: “Due to a national nursing shortage, the Dudley Group, like many other trusts, has been forced to look overseas to recruit qualified band 5 nurses with acute hospital experience.”</p> <p>“We plan to actively recruit from Europe in the New Year.”</p>
Press enquiry	<p>A reporter from the Express & Star attended a Trust board meeting at New Cross Hospital and heard that they are looking overseas for 170 new nursing staff as a result of a lack of qualified nurses in the UK.</p> <p>Question: Is The Dudley Group planning anything similar in terms of looking abroad for recruitment?</p>
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>Due to a national nursing shortage, The Dudley Group, like many other trusts, has been forced to look overseas to recruit qualified band 5 nurses with acute hospital experience. We plan to actively recruit from Europe in the New Year.</p> <p>We recently advertised 18 additional nursing posts but were only able to appoint one nurse who had the necessary qualifications and experience.</p> <p>***ENDS***</p>	