

For the Record – Press Statements

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Headline	Sir Bruce Keogh announces final list of outliers
First paragraph/s of article	On 6 February, in response to a request from the Prime Minister, Sir Bruce Keogh (the Medical Director) announced an investigation into hospitals that are persistent outliers on mortality indicators. Sir Bruce identified an initial list of five organisations that had been outliers for two years on the Summary Hospital-level Mortality Indicator (SHMI), and said that he would announce further hospitals shortly.
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	<p>Today, Sir Bruce is announcing the final list of hospitals that will be looked at as part of his investigation. These are the following nine organisations that have been outliers for two years on the Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust - United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust - George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust - Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust - Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - The Dudley Group NHS FT - Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS FT - Medway NHS FT - Burton Hospitals NHS FT <p>Sir Bruce said: “These hospitals are already working closely with a range of regulators. If there were concerns that services were unsafe the regulators should have intervened.”</p> <p>“The purpose of my investigation is to assure patients, public and Parliament that these hospitals understand why they have a high mortality and have all the support they need to improve. This will be a thorough and rigorous process, involving patients, clinicians, regulators and local</p>

	organisations.”
Press enquiry	We received a number of media enquires asking The Trust to comment
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Trust response	
<p>Given the publication of the Mid Staffs report, we completely understand that this is a time of high anxiety for patients. We welcome this review as we believe it will give further reassurance around the safety and quality of our services.</p> <p>Current independent analyses (including the HSMR) show that the Trust is not an outlier and is within the expected range.</p> <p>The Trust is committed to ensuring the best possible care of all patients. We take mortality indices very seriously and use them as a flag for further reviews of our care practices. This is one of a number of tools we use to assure ourselves of the quality of our care.</p> <p>The most recent data from Dr Foster (April – Sept 2012) shows the Trust mortality index as 100 which is well within the expected range. Similarly, the SHMI, the Department of Health’s own measures, which is more up to date than the published figure from Dr Foster, shows a continuing improvement over the last year and is within the expected range at 1.04 (July 2011 – June 2012).</p> <p>I would like to reassure our patients and their families that we do everything in our power to ensure patients are safe and well cared for while in our care.</p> <p>From Board level to the ward and out into the community, we reassure ourselves of this by the measures we take to ensure their safety is our top priority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a Board of Directors we have reports from our matrons and our clinical directors every month ○ As a Board of Directors we carry out patient safety walkabouts and talk to staff on the frontline and ask how things feel for them; what’s working well for them and what needs improving ○ We also carry out a number of audits at ward level – like our Nursing 	

Care Indicators which measures patient safety and care

- We have a whistle blowing policy which staff can use if they have concerns about patient safety
- We also take part in the regional patient Safety Thermometer audit which looks at patient harms on a census basis once a month and we are very much in the pack with other trusts.

We welcome all information that will help us with our efforts to continually improve our patient care.

We ensure we learn lessons from complaints and concerns raised by patients. We offer face to face meetings with complainants to help us understand how their experience made them or their families feel and we fully investigate all complaints to ensure we learn from them. We also ensure we feedback all comments we receive via the web and social media channels to the leads for those areas to ensure comments both good and bad are fed back to the people involved.

We encourage patients and their families to feedback their views after their stay in hospital and ask if they would recommend Russells Hall Hospital to a relative or friend and we are consistently higher than the regional average.