

**For the Record – Press Statements**

<b>Publication</b>	Daily Mail and Telegraph
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<b>Reporter</b>	Martyn Halle
<b>Headline</b>	The price of understaffed hospitals/Thousands dying because hospitals are understaffed
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	Hospitals currently being investigated for having high death rates employ far fewer doctors per patient than others, academics have discovered.
<b>Paragraphs specifically relating to The Dudley Group.</b>	Four of the 14 trusts – which run hospitals in Tameside, Dudley, Cumbria and Blackpool – have fewer than 50 doctors per 100 beds.
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express and Star saw the article published in the Daily Mail and the Telegraph about the numbers of doctors per 100 beds.</p> <p>Andrew Turton from the Express and Star asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Trust recognise the statement that Dudley Group has fewer than 50 doctors per 100 beds? Is this correct?</li> <li>• If so, can we comment on the reason was it is this low?</li> <li>• What is being done to rectify this situation?</li> <li>• Is this situation forming part of discussions with investors working on the Keogh Review as one of the areas where the trust is make improvements?</li> </ul>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>The Dudley Group currently has 63 full time doctors per 100 beds, and not “fewer than 50” as has been reported in the media. We are disappointed by the reporting which is both inaccurate and misleading.</p> <p>We have received a copy of the data on which the research is based and discovered the overnight bed numbers they are using total 827. However, this figure has been captured from quarterly data from 2010. As of April 2013, our overnight bed numbers totalled 699.</p>	