

**For the Record – Press Statements**

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<b>Reporter</b>	Lee Watton
<b>Headline</b>	Trust hits A&E times two weeks in a row
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	Dudley's hospital trust has achieved its accident and emergency waiting time target for a second successive week – continuing a month-long improvement.
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express and Star contacted the Trust regarding our recent good performance against the 95% four-hour A&amp;E target.</p> <p><b>Question:</b>          The Express and Star asked the Trust for a comment on hitting and exceeding the 95% government set target in recent weeks.</p>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>We are committed to ensuring patients who arrive at our Accident and Emergency (A&amp;E) Department receive the highest standard of care in a timely manner.</p> <p>We are very pleased that in the week ending 18<sup>th</sup> January, we were able to see, treat, admit or discharge 98% of patients within four hours of their arrival at the Emergency Department. In the following week (ending 25<sup>th</sup> January), we were able to increase this to 99% of patients, giving us the joint best performance in the country and the best performance in the region.</p> <p>Making sure patients flow through the hospital is an absolute priority because it means patients get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.</p> <p>My appreciation goes out to our staff who continue to work tirelessly together to provide the best possible care and experience for our patients.</p> <p>As always, we would ask patients to do their bit and only attend A&amp;E if they have a real emergency or are facing a life-threatening condition. They should think twice</p>	

before coming to Russells Hall Hospital and consider other options such as their GP, local pharmacist or walk-in centre.

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**Notes for editors**

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