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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Dudley Trust welcomes new interim chair**

Dame Yve Buckland has been appointed interim chair of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

She is an experienced Board chair who has worked at regional and national level in the NHS.

Yve is currently chair at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in Birmingham. Under her leadership, the ROH has seen an improvement in its CQC rating from 'requires improvement' to 'good', as well as significant improvements in its operational performance.

Yve was awarded DBE in 2003 for services to public health. In addition to her role at the ROH, Yve was appointed as Pro Chancellor at Aston University in 2017. She is the former chair of the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvements and the first national chair of the Water Consumer Council.

"On behalf of the Council of Governors, I would like to welcome Dame Yve Buckland as our interim chair," said lead governor Fred Allen.

"She has come highly recommended and we wish her every success in this very important and demanding position."

"We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Jenni Ord who has been our chair for the last three years and wish her all the best for the future."

Yve's appointment is for six months and follows a recommendation of the Council of Governors' Appointments and Remuneration Committee which was endorsed by the full Council of Governors on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019. She takes up her post on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

"The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust has been a beacon of NHS provision not only in the West Midlands, but also nationally", said Yve. "I look forward to taking up the role of interim chair, and supporting The Dudley Group through the next phase of its development".

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