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PRESS RELEASE

Petrol stations, cafes and restaurants are being asked to help hard-working community nurses by letting them use their toilets when they are travelling between patients.

Community nurses with The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust who are out and about all day and night often go hours without being able to have a comfort break – and are asking for help from local businesses.

“We are asking petrol stations, cafes and other places with toilets if they would be willing to let nurses pop in and use the loo, and also to let nurses fill up their water bottles so they can stay hydrated throughout their shift,” said Diane Wake, chief executive of the Trust.

“Locations would need to have easy parking as our nurses need to just be able to pop in quickly between appointments.”

There are almost 250 community nurses working shifts across the day and night, clocking up hundreds of miles each month. They cover an area which stretches as far as Kinver to the borders with Wolverhampton and Oldbury.

Businesses across the area who are happy to support the scheme would be given a poster to display so nurses can easily recognise where they can stop.

Any businesses interested in offering support are asked to email Francesca.tibbetts@nhs.net

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