

For the Record – Press Statements

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First paragraph/s of article	Hospital bosses have brought in extra security to deal with the threat of drunks in A&E over New Year.
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	<p>Paula Clark, Chief Executive of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Russells Hall Hospital added: “Our security teams respond promptly to any requests for assistance when they are required.</p> <p>“Our hospital premises, including the Accident and Emergency Department, are also equipped with a CCTV system.”</p>
Press enquiry	<p>The Express & Star contacted the Trust regarding security in our Accident and Emergency Department over the Christmas period.</p> <p>Question: Is The Dudley Group planning on increasing levels of security in the Accident and Emergency Department over the festive period?</p>
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM PAULA CLARK, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>Our security teams respond promptly to any requests for assistance when they are required. Our hospital premises, including the Accident and Emergency Department, are also equipped with a CCTV system which is monitored by the Security Department 24 hours a day. Because these cameras are constantly monitored, security staff usually arrive in the department within minutes of an incident occurring.</p> <p>*** ENDS ***</p>	