

**For the Record – Press Statements**

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<b>Reporter</b>	Heather Large
<b>Headline</b>	Composer wins case against hospital
<b>First paragraph/s of article</b>	A composer from Hagley who was left needing a wheelchair has won his negligence case against Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.
<b>Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group</b>	.
<b>Press enquiry</b>	Regarding the Trust's failure to diagnose the spinal injury of composer Andrew Downes. Can we comment?
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p>We would like to offer our sincere apologies to Mr Andrew Downes for failing to diagnose his injury. The care we provided fell below the standard he should have expected.</p> <p>We accept there are lessons to be learned and have implemented additional staff training to minimise the risk of a recurrence in the future.</p> <p>We are very pleased that a financial settlement has been made and, although no amount of money can undo the damage he has suffered, we hope it will provide financial security to Mr Downes and his family for the future</p>	