

PRESS RELEASE

Parent bed campaign

Parents who need to spend the night with their poorly children in hospital in Dudley will be much more comfortable, thanks to fundraisers.

Governors of The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust are raising money for parents' beds for the children's ward.

Each bed costs £850 and governors will be undertaking a range of fundraising activities during 2020 with the initial aim of buying four beds.

Each night, up to 30 parents can be spending the night with their child in ward C2 at Russells Hall Hospital. Karen Anderson, head of children's services, said: "This is great news and very exciting. Being in hospital can be a distressing time for a poorly child and these beds provide parents of sick children a vital place of comfort at the bedside of their child."

To get the ball rolling, Mike Heaton, public elected governor for Brierley Hill, kindly offered to personally fund the purchase of the first bed. He visited the children's ward to donate a cheque on Wednesday 22nd January.

The beds are specially manufactured for use in the hospital environment and can be cleaned and disinfected using the same products as used for all other hospital beds and mattresses. They will sleep adults up to 200kg safely and in comfort.

The governors have set up a justgiving page www.justgiving.com/campaign/DG-governors-2020.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust has 25 governors – 13 elected from public constituencies, eight elected from staff constituencies and four appointed by local organisations. They hold the non-executive directors to account for the performance of the Board of Directors, listen to trust members – of which there are 13,500 – and provide the board with a governor's perspective on aspects of the Trust's performance.

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