

PRESS RELEASE

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Trust announces new Chairman and Non-Executive Directors

The Dudley Group of Hospitals is pleased to announce the appointment of a new Trust Chairman and two Non-Executive Directors.

The Trust has appointed John Edwards, the former Chief Executive Officer of Advantage West Midlands, to the post.

Mr Edwards, who was awarded a CBE for his services to the regional economy, will take over the role on 1st November 2010.

Mr Edwards will replace Alf Edwards who has been with the Trust since 1993, first as Non-Executive Director, then as Chairman.

A quantity surveyor by background, Mr Edwards spent his early career in private practice before working in a number of roles with the Rural Development Commission.

Continuing his interest in regeneration, Mr Edwards joined Business in the Community as Managing Director of Regeneration in 1998, before moving to Advantage West Midlands in 2000 where he oversaw a budget of £350 million.

Since 2008, he has continued to advise both Government and private firms on strategic economic regeneration matters.

The Trust has also announced the appointment of two new Non-Executive Directors.

David Bland will take over the role from David Wilton who left the Trust in January 2010.

Mr Bland is a former Managing Director of EMEA Intercontinental Hotels where he was responsible for 580 hotels and sales of more than £1.1 billion.

Since leaving Intercontinental in 2003, Mr Bland has combined commercial interests in the private sphere with non-executive positions in entrepreneurial start-up businesses. He is also a business mentor for young people through the Prince's Trust.

The Trust has also appointed Richard Miner in the position of Associate Non-Executive Director.

Mr Miner, who is an accountant by trade, is a Non-Executive Director at Birmingham East and North Primary Care Trust where he has chaired the Audit Committee and World Class Commissioning Team.

Paula Clark, the Trust's Chief Executive, said she was looking forward to working with both Mr Edwards, Mr Bland and Mr Miner in the future.

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