

PRESS RELEASE

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**Trust rated excellent for standards of cleanliness**

The standard of cleanliness at The Dudley Group of Hospitals has earned the Trust an 'excellent' rating in a national survey of inpatient healthcare sites.

The Trust rated 'excellent' in the environment category of the annual Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) assessment.

The top rating was awarded following an inspection in February earlier this year of a range of areas at Russells Hall Hospital.

The Trust maintained its 'good' ratings for food and privacy and dignity.

PEAT is an annual assessment, established in 2000, of inpatient healthcare sites in England with more than ten beds.

Sites are given scores from 1 (unacceptable) to 5 (excellent) for standards of environment, food and privacy and dignity within inpatient hospitals.

Chief executive Paula Clark welcomed the findings of the assessment, adding the Trust would keep working to improve its ratings for food and privacy and dignity.

"We scored 'good' in last year's assessment for our environment and 'acceptable' the year before, so we've made real progress in the past couple of years," she said.

"We monitor standards on a continuous basis and the rating we received for our environment is a reflection of the hard work done across the Trust.

"We're delighted with these results, but we're always looking to improve and we'll keep working hard to improve our ratings for food and privacy and dignity."

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