

**For the Record – Press Statement**

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<b>Headline</b>	<b>Improved end-of-life care is group's aim</b>
<b>Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group</b>	<p>A health partnership focusing on end-of-life care has been set up in Dudley.</p> <p>The new initiative – The Dudley End of Life and Palliative Care Group – will be launched next month at the Black Country Living Museum.</p> <p>It is a partnership between The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, Dudley Council and Mary Stevens Hospice.</p>
<b>Press enquiry</b>	<p>The Express &amp; Star contacted the Trust in relation to the launch of The Dudley End of Life and Palliative Care Group's strategy. They asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has the group been set up?</li> <li>• Why has the strategy been launched?</li> </ul>
<b>Trust response</b>	
<p><b>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</b></p> <p>The Dudley End of Life and Palliative Care Group, which is a partnership between The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, Dudley Council and Mary Stevens Hospice, was set up in 2015 to improve palliative and end of life care and the experience for patients and their relatives across the Dudley borough using a collaborative approach.</p> <p>The End of Life and Palliative Care strategy has been developed to ensure that all patients who are nearing the end of their life, together with those closest to them, are able to express their needs and wishes; and that as far as possible, these needs and wishes are met. The strategy builds upon existing best practice and looks to implement further improvements. We only have one chance to get End of Life care right for everyone involved and that is why it is a top priority for all the organisations involved. This is a really exciting development for Dudley and we look forward to the official launch.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>*** ENDS ***</b></p>	

**Notes for editors**

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