

For the Record - Press Statement

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Press enquiry	The Trust was contacted by various media outlets after a press release was issued by Irwin Mitchell here: http://www.irwinmitchell.com/newsandmedia/2017/august/family-of-cancer-victim-hit-by-treatment-delays-to-receive-settlement-following-legal-action-jq-587621
Trust response	

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COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

We would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of Daniel Hemmings for their sad loss.

The claim pursued by Daniel's family has now been resolved by way of a joint settlement to reflect the complicated circumstances of his clinical management between 2010 and 2012. During this time, he was seen by clinicians at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust.

In 2011, we misinterpreted a scan as reassuring. This delayed Daniel's referral to the specialist cancer centre. We are very sorry for this error. This was carefully investigated and no evidence was found that our error contributed to Daniel's death.

We hope that this settlement helps to support Daniel's family in the future.

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Notes for editors

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