

For the Record – Press Statement

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Headline	Hospital checking cladding after fire
Paragraph/s relating to The Dudley Group	<p>Cladding at hospitals across the Black Country and Staffordshire are being tested for fire resistance following fears for public safety in the wake of the London tower block tragedy.</p> <p>Seven years ago Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley underwent a £1.1 million recladding project of its north wing, which houses the diabetes centre and eye clinic, to provide better insulation.</p>
Press enquiry	The Trust received a press enquiry from the Express and Star following the Grenfell Tower fire and was asked if investigations were being carried out in relation to cladding at Russells Hall Hospital.
Trust response	
<p>COMMENT FROM DIANE WAKE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, THE DUDLEY GROUP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST</p> <p>In light of the Grenfell Tower fire, we are looking into the specification of our cladding with our PFI partner, Summit, who owns the Russells Hall Hospital building. NHS Improvement has asked all NHS trusts to undergo checks on their buildings as a precautionary measure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*** ENDS ***</p> <p>For further information please contact Chace Smith, Communications Assistant for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust via 01384 456111 extension 1064 or email chace.smith@nhs.net</p>	