



## Press Release

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### **Hospital Food Gets Star Rating**

Two hospitals belonging to Sandwell Mental Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust have scored Excellent in the Food Category of a recent national assessment. Edward Street Hospital and Heath Lane Hospital in West Bromwich received the scores in the PEAT Patient Environment Action Team (PEAT) assessments.

PEAT is an annual assessment of inpatient healthcare facilities in England that have more than 10 beds. The assessment ensures improvements are made in the non-medical areas of patient care including food, quality of accommodation and privacy and dignity for patients. All three of the Trust's hospitals, including Hallam Street Hospital, scored Good on providing privacy and dignity for patients. Edward Street Hospital and Heath Lane Hospital scored Good for the accommodation category with Hallam Street scoring Acceptable. The results highlight areas for improvement and share best practice across healthcare organisations in England.

Martin Dawtry, Hotel Services Manager at the Trust, welcomed the findings of the assessment commenting: 'We monitor our standards closely and the scores are testament to all the staff who work extremely hard to ensure we deliver safe, high quality services to our patients. Providing tasty and nutritious food as well as a comfortable, clean and friendly ward is very important as it helps patients make a full recovery'.

The Trust is committed to continuous improvement and has developed an action plan for areas needing improvement. Much of this work has already been achieved.

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Note to Editors

Sandwell Mental Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust is the major provider of mental health and specialist learning disabilities services to people of all ages in Sandwell.