

# Kicking off the year with a smile for the children's ward

## Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospital NHS Trust Charity

### West Bromwich Albion Football Team visit Children's Ward for Christmas Cheer

Albion players embarked on a Christmas mission to bring festive cheer to the children's ward at Sandwell General Hospital on Monday afternoon. Dara O'Shea, Jed Wallace, Jake Livermore and Conor Townsend all spent time chatting with youngsters and their families, as well as hospital staff. There were special surprises for the children too, who all received an early Christmas gift from the Albion quartet.

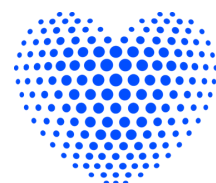
Dara said: "I've been told the club have been doing Christmas visits at the hospital for at least 90 years. I think it's a fantastic thing to do and to be a part of."

**"We've met some wonderful children, parents, guardians and hospital staff workers today. It was a pleasure to meet them all and hear their stories."**

- Dara O'Shea

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### Smiles all round

"Dr Nick Makwana, consultant paediatrician at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, said: "It's always a pleasure to welcome the Albion players to our hospital, especially at Christmas."

"It's been really heart-warming to see how happy it makes our young patients. Noone likes being in hospital, especially at this time of year and it really has brought so much joy to the children."

"It's very kind that the footballers take time out of their busy schedule to bring in gifts and chat to them."



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