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## Media Release

# Incident in the Intensive Care Unit at the Royal United Hospital Bath

This evening (Tuesday 22 November) there was a small fire involving an oxygen cylinder in a single bay the Intensive Care Unit at the Royal United Hospital in Bath.

Twelve patients were in the ICU at the time of the fire. Eleven of them were transferred to other parts of the hospital and one has been taken to the Burns Unit at Frenchay hospital in Bristol.

The hospital has called in extra staff to care for the remaining 11 patients, three of whom are well enough to be cared for on ordinary wards, 5 are being looked after in our Theatre Recovery area and 3 are being transferred to the Intensive Care Unit at the Bristol Royal Infirmary

Our staff acted incredibly quickly and professionally to ensure all patients were safely evacuated. A number of RUH staff have been treated for smoke inhalation and we are working to try and reopen the Intensive Care Unit tomorrow.

We have also offered treatment and support to the relatives who were in ICU at the time of the fire.

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