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## Media Release

### RUH to recruit new staff to new wards

The Royal United Hospital is to take on extra nursing staff and open two new wards to help it continue to provide quality care to patients.

The new 28-bed and 15-bed wards, coupled with additional beds on some existing wards will mean the hospital will have an extra 56 medical beds – taking it to a total of 606 beds.

To staff the wards with registered nurses and healthcare assistants, the hospital will relaunch its Proud to be a Nurse recruitment campaign later this month.

Chief Operating Officer Lisa Hunt says: “Our staff are integral to the delivery of our services and as we continue to see increased numbers of emergency admissions we need more staff and more beds.

“The RUH is a fantastic place to work with a number of benefits, not least the chance to provide high quality care and ensure that every patient matters.

“Our nurses here are proud of the work they do delivering care to a very high standard. Two of our nursing staff, Senior Charge Nurse Simon Andrews and Junior Sister Lisa Brown, recently won awards at the Nursing Standard’s Nurse of the Year awards.

“We are looking to recruit people who are dedicated to providing excellent care and help us continue to be recognised for delivering the highest quality hospital care for the people of Bath and North East Somerset, Wiltshire and Somerset.

“Our aim is to recruit from the UK and we will be advertising both locally and nationally. If we are unable to fill all of our vacancies locally and nationally we will be looking further into recruiting nurses from abroad to ensure that we can get our new extra beds up and running as quickly as possible.”

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