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Media Release

RUH swimming pool to reopen in May

The Royal United Hospital is to reopen its swimming pool in May following an excellent response to a 'use it or lose it' plea.

Howard Jones, Director of Estates and Facilities, says: "The response from staff and public users of our swimming pool has encouraged us to invest in the pool and secure its future.

"A new boiler will be fitted and water leaks made good along with other essential safety work which will be carried out immediately to allow for a May opening. We have received an encouraging response from many staff and local residents with offers to assist in the running costs through community action which is to be welcomed.

"We have received useful suggestions such as forming a 'swimming lane', agreeing flexible membership fees and promoting the facility more for local schools and residents.

"We now look forward to a hot summer where the pool, financially supported by our staff and their friends and family, along with our public users, is enjoyed by many people."

Assuming that the response we have had translates into a strong membership, and with other operational efficiencies, we have decided to reduce the fees we had originally proposed for 2013 by 25% - any less than this would undermine our need to operate in a balanced position. Therefore for the next **two** seasons the fees will be:

Staff (including retirees)	£75
Child (3-16 years)	£35
Infant (up to 3 years)	£15
Family season ticket (2 adults & 2 children)	£200
Non RUH staff	£110
Child (3-16 years)	£50
Infant (up to 3 years)	£25
Family season ticket (2 adults & 2 children)	£300

We are also considering part season tickets if there is sufficient demand. Application forms for the pool will be available next week.

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