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RUH one of the lowest risk hospitals in country

The Royal United Hospital Bath is one of the lowest risk hospitals in the country, a new report published today by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) indicates.

The CQC's intelligent monitoring report assesses the Trust against 80 key indicators, each of which is classed as being 'no evidence of risk', 'risk' or 'elevated risk'.

These indicators relate to the five key questions the regulator asks – are services safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led?

As the RUH has been recently inspected we have not been assigned to one of the six risk bands as the CQC says that its new comprehensive inspections provide a definitive judgement for each organisation. The RUH was visited as part of the first wave of new-style inspections in December, and we received a good report with inspectors saying we deliver safe and effective care.

Today's report reflects the improvements made at the RUH. If the CQC had given us a banding, our risk score of 3 out of a possible 160 would put us in Band 6, the lowest risk group.

Chief Executive James Scott said: "We strongly believe that we are providing a safe, high quality level of care and are pleased that the CQC's intelligent monitoring report recognises how well we are doing.

"Today's report, combined with the good report we received from inspectors last month, reflects the improvements we have made, and will continue to make, to ensure that we provide the highest standards of care. This is down to the hard work and commitment of our staff."

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