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Media Release

Showcasing health research

The University of Bath and the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust are hosting an event which will celebrate the vast amount of exciting health research that is being carried out in the city of Bath.

The Health Research Showcase will be held on Wednesday 17 June and will provide an opportunity to learn about how important health research is for improving people's health and wellbeing, as well as improving patient experience and care.

The event will provide an opportunity to hear from local experts who will explain how health research is informing how we treat and approach common health issues which could affect any one of us such as cancer, pain, diabetes, arthritis and dementia. The day will end with an opportunity to meet and speak with the experts during a drinks and canapé reception.

Director of Research and Development at the RUH Professor Mark Tooley says: "This is a great opportunity for everyone to find out about the innovative work that is happening on their doorstep. This showcase will cover a wide range of topics close to people's hearts, such as dementia."

Professor Tooley goes on to say: "A quarter of all beds here at the RUH are occupied by people who are acutely unwell but also have a form of dementia. Our joint research with RICE (Research Institute for the Care of Older People) and the University of Bath aims to improve life for people with dementia and this showcase provides an opportunity for people to hear about this and other important work to continue to improve treatment and outcomes of patients now and in the future."

This event is open to anyone with an interest in health research. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://eventbrite.co.uk/event/16201928404/> before 7 June.

Ends

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Notes to the Editor:

The Health Research Showcase is open to all and will take place on Wednesday 17 June from 2.30 – 7pm in the East Building Auditorium at the University of Bath.

Speakers include Professor Colin Grant, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bath and James Scott, Chief Executive of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust provides acute treatment and care for a catchment population of around 500,000 people in Bath and the surrounding towns and villages in North East Somerset and Western Wiltshire. The Trust became an NHS Foundation Trust on 1 November 2014 and acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases on 1 February 2015.

The University of Bath The University of Bath received its Royal Charter in 1966 and is now firmly established as a top ten UK university with a reputation for research and teaching excellence. The university's research grants and contracts portfolio is worth around £100 million; and in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), 32% of the submitted research activity achieved the highest possible classification of 4*, defined as world-leading in terms of originality, significance and rigour.

RICE RICE is a Registered Charity. It was opened in 1986 by its Patron, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent. In 2008 the new RICE Centre opened in the grounds of the Royal United Hospital in Bath. The new centre has the space to enable RICE to open up its research programme and to undertake further studies as well as improving support for people with dementia in the Bath area, and their families.