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Media Release

RUH appoints new Non-Executive Director

A new Non-Executive Director has been appointed to the Board of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH).

Jeremy Boss replaces out-going Non-Executive Director Nick Hood.

Originally from Bath, and having lived in the city for most of his life, Jeremy is a member of the Bath City Forum and Chairman of the Widcombe Residents' Association. He also provides voluntary support to Dorothy House Hospice.

A qualified accountant, Jeremy's career has spanned both the private and public sectors. In addition to his position as Chief Information Officer for the Audit Commission, he latterly held a post in central government as the Digital and Technology Leader for the Department of Energy and Climate.

Jeremy said: "Much of my professional career has been focused on IT management. For me the 'Information' part is just as important as the 'Technology' part – but is all too often overlooked. I am particularly interested in how the RUH manages the vast amount of information that flows through the Trust. Aside from my professional experience, I am a strong supporter of Dorothy House Hospice and provide voluntary support to the charity on the use of technology. Working with Dorothy House has prompted an interest in end of life care and I plan to be an End of Life Champion at the Trust.

"My mother worked in the NHS for many years – as a Night Sister at Bath's Mineral Water Hospital – so I grew up with the NHS featuring large in my life. Not only is the RUH the city's biggest employer it is also my local hospital. I see becoming a Non-Executive Director as another way of being involved in the city that I love."

The Trust's Chairman Brian Stables said: "On behalf of the Board, I am delighted to be welcoming Jeremy Boss to the RUH as a Non-Executive Director. Aside from bringing his considerable professional expertise to bear on the role, Jeremy is also an active presence within the Bath community and will be a real asset to the Board."

He added: "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank out-going Non-Executive Director Nick Hood for his valued contribution to the Trust."

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Notes to the Editor:

Non-Executive Directors

Non-Executive Directors (sometimes referred to as 'NEDs') are fully participating members of the Trust Board but do not discharge any executive functions within the Trust. Non-Executive Directors play a crucial role in bringing an independent perspective to the boardroom, in addition to any specific knowledge and skills they possess, and have a duty to scrutinise the performance of the executive management in meeting agreed goals and objectives.