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Fundraising efforts continue for new Cancer Centre as minimum target reached

Thanks to the help of dedicated supporters, major donors and the goodwill of the public, the minimum £8.5million fundraising target needed for the pioneering new RUH Cancer Centre has been reached.

The Forever Friends Appeal, the fundraising charity for the Royal United Hospitals, (RUH) Bath launched the Cancer Care Campaign five years ago in response to the hospital's Fit for the Future redevelopment opportunity to transform Cancer care for its patients and their families.

But, the Appeal is not stopping its fundraising efforts. Tim Hobbs, Head of Fundraising, The Forever Friends Appeal said:

“Whilst we are taking time to celebrate this significant milestone, we are continuing the Cancer Care Campaign. Many of our donors are very much encouraging us to sustain the campaign into 2018 to maximise our fundraising efforts for the new Centre to ensure it is truly special in its design, facilities and equipment

“I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our supporters for their fundraising efforts and contributions towards the new RUH Cancer Centre. Fundraising in the fight against cancer never stops, therefore we will continue to support this amazing project to achieve the very best care, treatment and quality of environment for our patients.”

The current RUH Oncology buildings were built in the 1940s to house injured service personnel. Nearly eighty years on, these buildings are still in use, obstructing rather than creating an environment that can actively support the healing process.

The RUH Cancer Centre will cost c£27m to build and construction is due to commence in 2019, once the new RNHRD and Therapies Centre is in place.

James Scott, Chief Executive, Royal United Hospitals, Bath said:

“Giving patients who are living with Cancer the best, most effective treatment and opportunities for surviving this disease is what this campaign is all about. Therefore, fundraising £8.5m is an incredible amount, and I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution so far, your support is greatly valued.

“The new Cancer Centre will offer a highly beneficial healing environment, enabling our staff to provide clinically excellent care in an environment that is nurturing and therapeutic. With your help continuing to fundraise for the Cancer Care Campaign we can create an exceptional world class Cancer Centre.”

For information about the Appeal's Cancer Care Campaign and how you can get involved visit:
www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/ruhcancercentre

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Notes to Editor:

About The Forever Friends Appeal

- The Forever Friends Appeal is the principal fundraising charity for the Royal United Hospitals, Bath. As well as fundraising for major campaigns, we raise funds for the hospital's wards and departments to pay for state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities, research and innovations, staff training and the creation of welcoming and highly beneficial healing environments for our patients and their families. Each year we invest in projects that go above and beyond what the NHS can provide
- For more information about the Appeal visit: www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk

Cancer Care Campaign

- The new Cancer Centre will house a number of cancer services including; outpatient department and waiting areas, radiotherapy with a CT Simulator, oncology ward, chemotherapy and a day care unit, nuclear medicine and medical physics, research and development for clinical research and trials as well as a wellbeing and information support hub which will be a dedicated area to provide support to cancer patients receiving treatment across the RUH site.
- Through support from the public and major donations from The James Dyson Foundation & Medlock Charitable Trust, the Appeal has currently raised £8.5 million for the new Cancer Centre and it is very much hoped that with the help of our donors we will be able to sustain the campaign into 2018.
- Construction of the Cancer Centre is planned to commence in 2019.
- The Centre will be jointly funded NHS / Charitable Funds partnership with the parties contributing c66% / 33% respectively.
- For more information about the campaign visit: www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/ruhcancercentre