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## Media Release

### Awards shortlist for respiratory teams

Two specialist respiratory teams from the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust have been recognised by the British Thoracic Society (BTS).

The RUH's Sleep team and Pulmonary Hypertension care service have both been shortlisted in this year's BTS awards.

BTS is the largest respiratory membership body in the UK and their aim is to improve standards of care for people who have respiratory diseases and to support and develop those who provide that care.

Our expert Sleep team cares for patients with problems related to Obstructive Sleep Apnoea (OSA) – a condition that interrupts your breathing when you are asleep. The team has been nominated in the 'Innovation in Respiratory Medicine' category for improving the experience for patients and ensure faster access for those who require the team's help.

The Pulmonary Hypertension care service was set up in 2006 to help patients in the South West, who have high blood pressure in the blood vessels that supply the lungs. The team is shortlisted for 'Improving Quality and Excellence in Patient Care'. Since the service started it has steadily grown and now provides Pulmonary Hypertension care to an estimate population of 4 million.

Jay Suntharalingam, Consultant Respiratory Physician said, "We are delighted that the Sleep team and Pulmonary Hypertension care service have been nominated for the BTS awards. Our staff work extremely hard to give specialist respiratory care and for our efforts to be recognised is wonderful."

The winners will be announced at the BTS Summer Meeting on Thursday 14 June.



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### Notes to Editor:

- 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 hospital provides healthcare to the population served by four Clinical Commissioning Groups: Bath & North East Somerset CCG, Wiltshire CCG, Somerset CCG and South Gloucestershire CCG.
- The Trust provides 759 beds and a comprehensive range of acute services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.
- In 2015 The Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) NHS Foundation Trust. The RNHRD treats patients from across the country offering services in rheumatology, chronic pain, chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, cancer related fatigue and fatigue linked to other long term conditions such as multiple sclerosis
- The RUH is changing - we have an exciting programme of redevelopment underway transforming our site and further improving the services we provide. The Trust is now working towards building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and a new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit\\_for\\_the\\_future](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future)
- For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk)

