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Tip-top donation from Time is Precious

The Paediatric Emergency Department at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) has received a new high-tech sensory projector thanks to the charity, Time is Precious.

Time is Precious kindly donated the floor and ceiling projection system that responds to body movements when detected by an overhead camera. The interactive unit helps to create a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families while in hospital.

Sue Conway, Senior Sister said: "I do not have the words to describe how utterly fantastic this is! The children love it, as do all the adults, young and old. Children of all ages cannot resist is because it is so responsive. Honestly, I can't tell you how delighted we are with it. We have not switched it off since the minute it arrived."

"I love it because it helps us assess so many things about children – their coordination, which we have to assess after a bang to the head and whether they can weight bear on their legs. We're also using it to calm adults with special needs – it is so versatile. Thank you once again to everyone who supports Time is Precious and makes it possible to fund things like this."

The Somerset based charity was set up by husband and wife Neil and Nicky Halford in memory of their son Ben Halford, who sadly passed away from cancer in 2010. The charity supports Bath RUH, Bristol Children's Hospital and Yeovil District Hospital.

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Notes to Editor:

Chairman: Brian Stables Chief Executive: James Scott



- 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 has 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
- For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: <u>www.ruh.nhs.uk</u>