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Media Release

Return to Acute Care Open Day

Registered nurses who are interested in returning to work in acute care are invited to attend an open day at the Royal United Hospitals Bath on Tuesday 2 October, between 2pm and 4pm.

The open day is particularly aimed at nurses who currently work in the community - mainly residential or nursing homes for the elderly and who are interested in returning to work in a hospital to provide nursing care to elderly patients.

As part of the open day event, staff will be on hand to give tours of the older person's wards which have been designed to meet the specific needs of elderly patients, particularly patients with Parkinson's disease and dementia. These wards have been awarded the Elder Friendly Quality Mark in recognition of the quality of care and their welcoming environments that help put patients and carers at ease.

Staff will also demonstrate the reminiscent interactive technology in the day room that is used as part of the Friendly Faces Project for patients living with dementia. Also, staff will be there to talk about what it's like to work for the Trust and the other benefits, such as the NHS pension, generous annual leave entitlement and flexible working arrangements.

Anita West, Matron, Royal United Hospitals Bath said:

"If you are registered with an active Nursing and Midwifery Council PIN, come along and find out about our bespoke return to acute care programme which will bring you up to date with the latest changes and best practice to enable you to commence an exciting career with us.

"You'll be part of a small group of nurses who have similar experience and we'll help you achieve the necessary nursing competencies to become confident in your clinical skills to work on our older persons wards.



“When you’ve successfully completed of our return to acute care programme you will be offered a staff nurse position on one of our dementia friendly older persons wards and there are also further opportunities for career development to look forward to at the Trust.”

The return to acute care open day will be held on Combe ward, B19. For further information about the event or about the return to care programme, visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk/workingforus

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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 565 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 and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME.
- 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: www.ruh.nhs.uk

