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Media Release

National award for RUH thrombosis team

Congratulations to our Anticoagulation team at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust, who've won a national award for their work to further improve the care of cancer patients at risk of life-threatening blood clots.

The team were shortlisted for the National Anticoagulation Achievement Awards and, at a ceremony at the House of Commons (on 10 October) were named winner in the 'Best work in the prevention and treatment of cancer-acquired thrombosis' (CAT) category.

Thrombosis is the formation of a blood clot in a blood vessel or artery. This can have serious medical consequences, including death, but can be prevented and treated in time if it is identified.

Consultant Haematologist Mark Robinson said: "We're absolutely thrilled to have been given this award. It's national recognition not just for us but for all our colleagues in many areas throughout the hospital who help in the treatment of this complex condition."

In 2017 the RUH Anticoagulation Team conducted an audit over 3 months to review the management of CAT. This led to the setting up of a new telephone clinic for patient consultations, a clear treatment route and a new patient information leaflet.

Nathan Jones, Anticoagulation Specialist Pharmacist, said: "As a result we've found that GPs and patients are now more informed, patients can obtain their medication in the community and they have a designated support network in place to help manage their condition. It shows the impact of the service on improving patient safety and ensuring a patient-centered approach."

The National Anticoagulation Achievement Award was presented ahead of World Thrombosis Day on Saturday 13 October.

<http://www.worldthrombosisday.org/issue/thrombosis/>

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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 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 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 building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and working towards the 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

