

Press Release

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RUH Appoints New Chief Executive

James Carine, chairman of the Royal United Hospital (RUH) today announced the appointment of James Scott as the new chief executive of the trust.

James Scott will join the RUH, at the end of May, from Yeovil District Hospital NHS Foundation Trust where he has been chief executive since February 1999. During the past eight years he has successfully led the organisation from a period of financial instability to become one of the top NHS Foundation trusts.

Working closely with staff, James has achieved lasting improvements in hospital performance. These saw the trust gain the top, three star rating for three years in a row which culminated in the hospital becoming an NHS Foundation Trust in June 2006.

James has worked in the NHS since 1983. Before moving to Yeovil he held a number of hospital posts including senior management roles at Chase Farm, the Hammersmith and St Mary's Hospitals in London. He has a BA in History from Lancaster University and a Diploma in Health Services Management.

RUH Chairman James Carine says: "James has an impressive track record and will be well placed to follow Mark Davies whose achievements speak for themselves."

James Scott says: "I am delighted to be joining the Royal United Hospital Bath at this time. Clearly there is much to do, but we are building on a firm foundation of good quality clinical care and I have been impressed by the commitment of staff at all levels.

"I am also looking forward to working with the trust's partner organisations who commission and provide services in BANES and Wiltshire Primary Care Trusts and in social services."

Sir Ian Carruthers OBE, chief executive of the NHS South West says: "Mr Scott will build on the work already underway at the RUH to create a brighter future."

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Notes to Editors:

James Scott will take over from the present chief executive, Mark Davies, who will be leaving the RUH at the end of March for a new career in the private sector specialising in personal and organisational development.