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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Harvard beckons for RUH Consultant**

RUH Consultant Dr Carol Peden is off to study at Harvard University in America for a year, having been awarded a prestigious Fellowship by the Health Foundation in London.

Dr.Peden has worked at the RUH for 14 years, and is one of only 3 doctors in the UK to be given this award. Dr.Peden is a specialist in Anaesthesia and Critical Care Medicine and is also an examiner for the Royal College of Anaesthetists.

Her award is a Quality Improvement Fellowship and aims to equip senior NHS professionals with the tools to improve the way patients are cared for.

Dr. Peden will spend a year in the US working with the Institute of Health care Improvement (IHI) based in Boston, Massachusetts.

The IHI has been driving improvements in health care in the US with some of their methods now being applied in the UK.

Doctor Peden says she aims to come back with new skills

“The Fellowship provides a tremendous opportunity to mix going back to University with working with a different group of people and to learn about different ways of caring for patients. The RUH, and in particular Chief Executive James Scott and my Consultant colleagues, has been very supportive of my application for this award. This Fellowship supports the RUH's aim to continue to make patient safety and excellent quality of care its top priority”.

The award is broken into several parts - Dr. Peden will spend 30% of her time working with the IHI team on some of their ongoing projects, such as reducing mortality and reducing hospital infections, 30% on learning: attending the Clinical Effectiveness course at Harvard School of Public Health and the rest of her time on her special area of interest - improving outcomes for high risk patients having major surgery.

Doctor Peden says she's looking forward to a challenging year ahead

“I applied for this Fellowship because I am a senior clinician who would like to use my knowledge and experience to help as wide a group of patients as possible. It provides time to stand back from extremely busy NHS practice to "take a bigger picture view". At

the same time I have the opportunity to focus right in on the issues affecting patients who have high risks associated with their surgery”.

The RUH is delighted that Dr Peden has won the award. “It’s a privilege for both the hospital and Carol that she was successful in obtaining this Fellowship” says Dr Tim Craft, Deputy Medical Director at the RUH. “I know she will come back brimming with ideas about how we can further improve the way we care for our patients both in Bath and at a national level”.

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## **EDITORS NOTES**

**A recent photo of Dr.Peden is attached to this release. Doctor Peden is available to be photographed here at the hospital on the afternoon of Monday June16th.**