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## **Media Release**

### **Come Along, Sing Along!**

On Friday 19 December from 1.00pm, the Royal United Hospital Choir will be bringing some festive cheer to the hospital as they perform in the atrium. They will be singing much loved Christmas carols and encouraging patients, staff and visitors to join in and sing along.

The choir has been singing together since September this year and everyone is really enjoying the experience.

RUH choirmaster, Jeremy Martin, is head of business development and improvement at the RUH. Jeremy was an organ scholar at Oxford and is an organist and a choirmaster in Somerset. Jeremy says: "I had the idea of setting up an RUH choir and in September this year, with support from Jo Campbell, one of our personal assistants, we organised a recruitment campaign for it. Clearly there are some keen songsters among our staff as we had an excellent response with around 120 staff signing up straight away."

Recently the choir held a fun concert in the hospital atrium singing everyone's favourite Abba songs from the hit film Mama Mia. Choir member Steve Boxall, who is Head of Redesign and Service Improvement at the RUH says: "I've discovered a voice I never knew I had. It's an enriching experience and it's time out from a busy day - it gives me a lift."

During the sing along on Friday, members of the executive team will be spreading some Christmas cheer and serving free mince pies and tea and coffee.

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