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## Media Release

### Join us behind the scenes at the Royal United Hospital

Patients, visitors and friends of the RUH are being invited to take a tour 'behind the scenes' before this year's Annual General Meeting on the 8th September.

From 3pm until the formal meeting takes place at 6pm, the public are invited to book onto one of the 30 minute tours, going behind the scenes of our busy acute hospital.

Guests can take a tour of the Cardiac Cath Lab, where skilled cardiologists carry out life-saving procedures such as angioplasty, and the Endoscopy Suite to learn about how doctors investigate inside the body to identify the cause of a patient's symptoms.

Visits are available to the busy plaster room, where one lucky 'guinea pig' will see how it feels to be temporarily in plaster. Guests can also meet the Sim family in a patient simulator demonstration. Sim manikins closely mimic the responses of the human body to medical interventions such as increased pulse rate as well as breathing, speaking and even bleeding to provide realistic training for staff.

The formal part of the AGM begins at 6pm in the Neurology Outpatients Department (just behind the Atrium) and will include presentations from Consultant Geriatrician Dr Chris Dyer on the fantastic work the Trust is doing to improve care for patients with dementia and Consultant Stroke Physician Dr Louise Shaw giving an overview of the great leaps forward in stroke care.

Spaces are limited for the RUH tours so bookings are offered on a first come, first served basis by contacting Helen Perkins, PA to the Chief Executive by telephone on 01225 824032 or email [helen.perkins@ruh.nhs.uk](mailto:helen.perkins@ruh.nhs.uk).

#### Tours begin

3pm

3.30pm

4pm

4.30pm

5pm

5.30pm

#### Tour destination

Plaster Room

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Cardiac Cath Lab or Simulation demonstration

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Endoscopy or Simulation demonstration

Endoscopy