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Hospital wins bid to upgrade all lights

The Royal United Hospital Bath has successfully bid for £1.7m to upgrade lights throughout its buildings.

The money will come from the Department of Health, which awarded the RUH a share of its £50m Carbon Efficiency Fund.

It will be used to install new energy efficient lighting throughout the hospital. Old, inefficient lighting will be replaced with LED solutions supplied by Philips, a global leader in lighting.

The new lights will enable savings on electricity in the region of £400,000 per year to be made.

Howard Jones, Director of Estates and Facilities, said: "This is great news - not only will it improve the experience for our patients, but everyone who comes to the RUH will notice the difference.

"Better lighting will make clinical examination of patients much easier, and also provide improved visibility for our cleaners. Along with brightening the hospital up, we will be reducing our carbon footprint and saving a considerable sum of money on energy every year, which we will be able to re-direct into improving patient care.

"We have already taken some steps forward to improve lighting, such as upgraded car park and street lighting, and better lighting in some of our corridors. We have also introduced LEDs into some clinical areas, such as our cardiac ward and the Dermatology department, but this money will enable us to roll out lighting improvements right across the hospital. Without this award we simply wouldn't have been able to do this work."

The new lights will be installed by April 2014.

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