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RUH rated lowest priority for inspection for third time running

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust has, for a third consecutive time, been placed in the lowest priority band for inspection by independent regulator for health and social care, the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The CQC Intelligent Monitoring report places all acute trusts into one of six priority bands for inspection, by assessing them against a range of indicators that reflect information on the quality of care including patient experience, staff experience and performance. The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust was assessed against 96 indicators and received a risk score of 1 out of a possible 192, placing it in band six, the lowest priority for inspection.

Chief Executive James Scott said:

"We work very hard to ensure our patients receive safe, quality care and it is testimony to the rigour and dedication of our staff that we have maintained our band six standing for the third time running.

"There is never room for complacency at the Trust; in addition to addressing the one risk identified by the CQC's Intelligent Monitoring report, we have continued to focus on the safety of our patients as part of our plan to become one of the safest hospitals in the country."

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Notes to the editor

- The CQC introduced the new rating system in July 2014 and the new-style report places Trusts into one of six risk bands, based on an assessment of a number of key indicators relating to the five key questions the regulator asks – 'are services safe, effective, caring, responsive and well-led?'