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## Media Release

### RUH AGM provides opportunity for local voices to be heard

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 30 September.

The AGM – which incorporates the Trust’s Annual Members’ Meeting – provides us with an opportunity to outline future plans and share with you our successes and challenges. It’s also a good opportunity for you to tell us what you think of the care we deliver and how we can further improve the patient, carer or visitor experience. Your feedback helps us to shape our clinical priorities for the year and set strategic goals.

Last year was a significant year for the RUH: in June 2014 we took over provision of maternity services in Bath, Somerset and Wiltshire (establishing a brand new Women and Children’s Division at the Trust); in November 2014 we were granted a license to operate as an NHS Foundation Trust; and, in February 2015, the city’s renowned Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) became part of the RUH family.

Our plans for the coming year are just as ambitious, and we would welcome the input and ideas of patients and local residents. The construction of a brand new pharmacy is already underway and plans for state-of-the-art centres for cancer care and therapies are currently in development. There are also plans for additional parking onsite as well as improvements to the existing car parks. And of course, there is the ongoing programme of work to fully deliver on the benefits to patients and other stakeholders which we promised following acquisition of the RNHRD.

Those who attend will also have the chance to enjoy a taster of one of our Membership’s ‘Caring for You’ (CFY) events. The CFY programme takes a behind-the-scenes look at specific conditions or areas of work at the RUH. At this year’s AGM, the CFY taster is entitled ‘Caring for children in their time of need’ and will feature a presentation from the RNHRD’s Esther Crawley on chronic fatigue syndrome in children and a talk by the RUH’s Fiona Kelly on the creative work being done at the Trust on how to prepare children for surgery.

The AGM will take place at the Assembly Rooms on Bennett Street in Bath’s city centre from 5.45pm until 7.30pm. Doors will open and refreshments will be available from 5pm. The meeting is open to all members of the public, though places must be booked in advance. To book your place, please call the Membership Office on 01225 826288.

**Ends**

#### Notes to the editor:

- Copies of the Annual Report and Quality Accounts can be found on the RUH website [www.ruh.nhs.uk](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk) or by written request: RUH Trust Secretary, Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG



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- Please note: the AGM will cover the accounts and activities of the RUH and the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (which was acquired by the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust on 1 February 2015). The event also incorporates the Annual Members' Meeting for the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.
- AGM of the Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Wednesday 30 September 2015  
5.45-7.30pm (refreshments available from 5pm)  
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Bennett Street  
Bath  
BA1 2QH  
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