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Media Release

Wanted – six new Public Governors for the RUH

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is looking for six new Public Governors to help shape its services and plan for the future.

The vacancies, created by the current six Governors coming to the end of their term of office, are in the City of Bath, North East Somerset, Mendip, North Wiltshire, South Wiltshire and Rest of England and Wales.

This is the second constituency-wide election for new Governors, since the RUH became an NHS Foundation Trust in 2014.

Brian Stables, Trust Chairman said: "These are exciting and changing times for the Trust and the RUH, and we're looking for six new Governors to support our plans for the years ahead. Becoming a Governor is a great opportunity to contribute to the development of the RUH and its role in our local communities that it serves."

James Colquhoun, the current Governor for South Wiltshire said: "I'm really enjoying my time as a Governor and feel I'm doing my bit by making a contribution. I've always been a big fan of the NHS and encourage anyone interested in supporting our local RUH Trust and its staff by putting their name forward as a candidate."

The role of a Governor is to help ensure that the Trust delivers services that meet the needs of patients, carers, staff and local stakeholders, and that the views of local people are heard and fed back to the Board of Directors.

Those interested can request a nomination form from Monday 14 August by contacting Clara Norris on 020 8889 9203 or via email at Ciara.Norris@electoralreform.co.uk

You need to be a member of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) but no formal qualifications are required.



Nominations must be completed and returned to the Electoral Reform Services by 5pm on 12 September. Voting will run from 3 October until 5pm on 24 October. The results will be announced on 25 October.

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Notes to Editor:

- The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust provides acute treatment and care for a catchment population of around 500,000 people in Bath, and the surrounding towns and villages in North East Somerset and Western Wiltshire. The hospital provides healthcare to the population served by four Clinical Commissioning Groups: Bath & North East Somerset CCG, Wiltshire CCG, Somerset CCG and South Gloucestershire CCG.
- The Trust provides 565 beds and a comprehensive range of acute services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.
- In 2015 The Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) NHS Foundation Trust. The RNHRD treats patients from across the country offering services in rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME.
- The RUH is changing - we have an exciting programme of redevelopment underway transforming our site and further improving the services we provide. The Trust is now working towards building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and a new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future
- For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk

