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RUH Sports Taster Day – making sport accessible to all

The Children's Therapies Team at the Royal United Hospitals, Bath is hosting a Sports Taster Day for children with physical disabilities on Sunday 24 September at Writhlington Sports Centre, near Radstock.

The event will take place from 11:30am until 4pm and parents and carers are invited to book a place for their child.

Emily Graham, Head of Children's Therapies said:

"We want to open up the world of sport to children who can struggle to find accessible sports, so there will be lots of different sports for children to try out, some wheelchair-based, some frame-based, others with specialist equipment and some without. Parents should contact us if they would like their child to take part and you can come for part of the day or stay for all of it, it's up to you.

"This event has been made possible due to the kind sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Bath, and the backing from Bath Rugby. It is also being supported by lots of local organisations and groups that specialise in making sport accessible to all. It should be a really fun day and a great chance for children of all ages to try their hand at sports that might not be accessible to them elsewhere."

With an exciting range of sports and activities on offer, both with and without adaptive equipment, the sports day is suitable for all school-age children with a physical disability.

Rotary Club of Bath President, John Harney, said:

"We're delighted to be supporting the RUH Children Therapies team to make this exciting day happen. We know how the work they do makes a huge difference to their young patients and their families and it's a pleasure to be able to help."

For more information or to book your child's place, please email ruh-tr.sportstasterday@nhs.net

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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

