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Light for Life remembrance event at Bath RUH

Relatives who have lost loved ones who have been cared for in the Bath RUH's Critical Care Unit, formerly Intensive Care, are being invited back to the hospital for a special remembrance event.

The 'Light for Life' gathering, the first that Critical Care has held, will take place on 13 December.

Critical Care Matron Gav Hitchman said: "We want to give people the opportunity to gather with friends, family and their local community to pay tribute to those they have loved and lost. We welcome anyone who wishes to attend, regardless of faith, from anywhere in the country, who has had contact with the Unit.

"It will be a chance for people to meet our staff again with whom they built a rapport and a relationship during their time with us. That's important for staff too, who form an attachment with their patients and families at what is a very intense time. We hope the event will be simple and poignant and will provide comfort to many people."

Guests will be given a star to add their loved one's names and a short message. Each star will be placed on a 'tree of remembrance' which will be lit up later in the evening.

The 'Light for Life' gathering is from 6pm at the Oasis Centre at the RUH on 13 December. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please write to Critical Care Matron Gav Hitchman, Royal United Hospital, Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG or email gav.hitchman@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

