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Media Release

HIV testing clinic on World AIDS Day

It's World AIDS Day on 1st December – and to mark the event a special clinic for HIV testing is being held by the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust's Sexual Health Service.

The dedicated walk-in session will be held at The Riverside Clinic, at the Riverside Health Centre in James Street West, Bath between 9.30-11.00am on the 1st.

Anyone aged 18 or over with no symptoms, but who would like to be tested for HIV (and other STIs if agreed,) is welcome.

Lucy Twigger, Health Adviser, said: "At the clinic we offer free, friendly, non-judgemental and confidential testing. It's a quick and easy process. HIV is a treatable infection with a normal life expectancy if diagnosed early so, if you have any concerns, it's really important to have a test. World AIDS Day is a great opportunity to continue raising public awareness and understanding."

Over 101,000 people are living with HIV in the UK, and globally there are an estimated 36.7 million people who have the virus. Each year in the UK around 5,000 people are diagnosed with HIV.

You can read more details here <http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/sexualhealth>

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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 has 759 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 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, chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, cancer related fatigue and fatigue linked to other long term conditions such as multiple sclerosis
- 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 building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and working towards the 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

