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Making Easter eggs-tra special on the RUH Children's Ward ...

Easter activities and generous donations are making Easter on the Children's Ward that little bit more fun at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH).

Over 150 eggs were donated by staff and customers from Bath Odd Down Sainsbury's, along with a giant egg donated by Chelwood Bridge Rotary club and at least another 100 eggs donated by customers and staff from New Look and TK Maxx stores all over the region.

In addition to the all this excitement, children on the ward have been busy making Easter decorations with RUH play specialist Jo Powell and RUH Artist in Residence, Edwina Bridgeman, which are now proudly on display in the Children's Ward playroom.

Jo said: "We are so grateful for all of these generous donations. Being in hospital can be a nerve-racking experience for any child and staying in hospital over the holidays can be especially tough. This year we have so many Easter eggs we are even planning to do a couple of Easter egg hunts around the ward. Anything we can do like this really helps distract children from their illnesses and injuries and make their stay that bit brighter."

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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 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 and 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 new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit for the future](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future) ...
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