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Help lead our Friends of the RUH charity

A new Chair and three other enthusiastic and dedicated people are being sought to join the Board of Trustees of the Friends of the RUH charity.

The new appointees will join the eight trustees already in post. The appointments coincide with the Friends of the RUH transferring to a new charitable incorporated organisation or CIO - Charity No 1176686 on 1 October 2019.

The charity was established more than 60 years ago with the aim of providing amenities and support services for patients that would not otherwise be provided by the NHS or the other statutory bodies.

The trustees oversee the charity's two retail operations, the Friends' convenience shop in the atrium and the coffee shop, as well as the management of the volunteer workforce of some 350 people who provide much appreciated support to the hospital in more than 20 areas. Volunteers' activities include serving drinks on the wards, guiding patients and visitors around the hospital, repairing walking aids and maintaining the courtyard gardens around the hospital estate.

Bernard Rymer, Assistant Treasurer & Trustee, said: "For our new Chair we are looking for someone with strategic management experience, leadership skills and vision, someone who can help take forward the important work we do in partnership with the management of the Royal United Hospitals.

“To strengthen the governance of the Charity we want to appoint three other trustees who can bring knowledge and expertise to the Board and to set and monitor the Charity's strategic direction. We especially want to hear from people with expertise in charity governance, information technology, marketing and communications and retail management.”

For more information about the role of Chair or Trustee with the Friends of the RUH, please contact Bernard Rymer, Assistant Treasurer & Trustee, on 01225 427377 or by email – Bernard.rymer@nhs.net.

To apply, please send your c.v. to Bernard Rymer at the email address above.

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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

For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk

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