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Meet your local RUH Governor

A series of forums will be taking place in October to give people the chance to meet Public Governors from the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The RUH's governors ensure that the views of members and local people are heard by reporting back to the hospital's Board of Directors.

Each forum will include an update from a member of the Board on the Trust's activities and plans for the coming year. There will also be presentations and practical information about exercise for the over 50s and food safety and storage.

The meeting dates are:

- 2 October, 10.30am to 12.30pm (tea and coffee from 10am) – Trowbridge Town Hall, BA14 8EQ
- 9 October, 2pm – 4pm (tea and coffee from 1.30pm) – Corsham Pound Arts Centre, SN13 9HX
- 17 October – 2pm – 4pm (tea and coffee from 1.30pm) – Frome Medical Practice, BA11 2FH.

Trust Chair Alison Ryan said: "Our Governors are the link between the public and the hospital and play a really important role in helping to shape services. I hope as many people as possible attend these forums to meet the Governors who represent them, give us their views and find out more about the RUH."

The meetings are open to everyone but you do have to book your place in advance. Please call 01225 821262 or email RUHMembership@nhs.net to secure your seat.

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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