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### Introducing new public governors for the RUH

Voting has ended and the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is delighted to announce the following candidates have been chosen by its members to be the Governors for the following constituencies:

- **Mike Midgley**, City of Bath
- **Melanie Hilton**, North East Somerset
- **Anne Martin**, Mendip
- **Jerry Willmott**, North Wiltshire
- **Gill Little**, South Wiltshire

In total 18 candidates put themselves forward for the role of Public Governor and members had the opportunity to make their vote by post or online.

Trust Chair Alison Ryan said: "Many congratulations and welcome to our new Governors who will start their three year term on 1 November 2019. It is really important that our members have a voice and, through our Governors, we will be able to hear it. This will help us improve the Trust's services for both patients and staff. I am looking forward to working with them as the RUH develops to cope with ever-increasing demands and opportunities.

"I'd also like to thank everyone who nominated themselves and express my thanks to the Governors who have now finished their terms and left us, as they did a tremendous job."

Mike Midgley and Anne Martin are previous Public Governors who have been re-elected.

Melanie Hilton, Jerry Willmott and Gill Little are new Governors elected for the first time.

The newly-elected candidates will now go on to represent the Trust's 11,700 public members on the Council of Governors.

Trust members will have the opportunity to meet the new Governors at future constituency meetings and local events, and the candidates will feature in in the winter edition of the Trust's Insight magazine which will be issued in December.

[https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/membership/elections/results.asp?menu\\_id=1](https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/membership/elections/results.asp?menu_id=1)

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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 has opened the purpose-built RNHRD and Brownsword Therapies Centre and is now working towards the 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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