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## Wanted – new North Wiltshire Public Governor for the RUH

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is looking for an enthusiastic and committed person in North Wiltshire to help shape its services and plans for the future.

Applications are now being sought for a North Wiltshire Public Governor to stand for election to the RUH Council of Governors. The application deadline is 5pm on 9 April 2020 with voting set to begin on 28 April 2020.

Alison Ryan, Trust Chair, said: “This is a great opportunity for someone to get involved and make a contribution to the continuing development of the RUH and its role within our local area. Governors play an important role in shaping the future of the Trust through representing the interests of their local community, ensuring that the needs and views of patients and members of the public are taken into account. We’d love you to get in touch if you think this could be you.”

Jacek Kownacki, a current North Wiltshire Governor, said: “Governors are responsible for making sure that the Board of Directors is running the hospital in the best interests of all of us. This is hugely fulfilling for me as I have so many opportunities to interact with patients, staff, relatives, other Governors and the public, all of whom are committed to making our local hospital the best that it can be.

“I’m sure there will continue to be many challenges for the NHS and the RUH in the years to come, so it is more important than ever that interested and committed members of our community stand for election to ensure that the interests of North Wiltshire constituents continue to be represented.”

To stand for election you do need to be a member of the RUH and living within our North Wiltshire constituency. If you are not already a member and you are 16 and over you can sign up via our online application form here: <https://secure.membra.co.uk/RoyalBathApplicationForm/> but will need to do so before 9 April 2020 to allow you time to complete a nomination form in order to stand for election.

Chair:  
Alison Ryan

Chief Executive:  
James Scott



Nomination forms are now available and can be completed on our elections website here: <https://nom.ukevote.uk/ruh>. Alternatively, please contact the election administrator, UK Engage on 0345 209 3770 or via email at [ruh@uk-engage.org](mailto:ruh@uk-engage.org).

If you are interested in standing for election and would like to find out more, please contact the RUH Membership Office on 01225 821262 or [RUHmembership@nhs.net](mailto:RUHmembership@nhs.net) to request a Governor Guidebook or ask any questions you may have.

Voting by members of the RUH closes at 5pm on Friday 22 May 2020 with the result announced on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

## Ends

### Notes to Editor:

The World Health Organization has announced that 2020 will be the Year of the Nurse and Midwife to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. Our nurses and midwives are a big part of the RUH family and throughout the year we will be celebrating the work they do, going above and beyond every day to give our patients compassionate care.

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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