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Cul-de-sac challenge helps RUH A&E staff

Staff in the Emergency Department at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) are now sitting comfortably in their own garden space – thanks to a one-man marathon cul-de-sac challenge.

They've been presented with new wooden garden furniture by 84-year-old Fred Dugan, who was so inspired by the fundraising exploits of Captain, now Sir Tom Moore, that he decided to set his own charity target – to walk 100 times around The Linleys in Lower Weston, Bath.

Fred hoped to raise £100, but thanks to the generosity of all his neighbours and friends the total reached an amazing £500.

Fred's wife Jackie was a well-loved volunteer in the Emergency Department before her retirement, and the couple have always been enthusiastic fundraisers. Jackie led the Thursday tribute for key workers each week in her community.

ED Senior Sister Caroline Jolley said: "I was invited to collect the money and all the residents came out and I gave a thank you speech. It was a very moving moment to see the support the RUH receives and especially our Emergency Department.

"We're lucky at the RUH that we have a lovely site with lots of natural space and gardens to relax in, as well as our own staff garden. We'd like to thank Fred for his amazing 100 laps, his 'manager' Jackie and the wonderful support of the residents of The Linleys and their families. Your generous donation has enabled us to buy a picnic bench and two garden benches which will now provide areas for staff to relax and recharge in during our shifts. We are extremely grateful and appreciative."

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Notes to Editor:

The World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. Our nurses and midwives are a big part of the RUH family and throughout the year we are 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

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

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