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RUH invites you to join the NHS 72nd birthday celebration Thank You

We're inviting you to celebrate the NHS 72nd birthday party on Sunday 5 July and say thank you, together, to everyone who's supported the NHS during coronavirus.

Staff at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) will be marking the event by joining people across our community, and nationwide, in the biggest NHS Thank You clap ever.

We're dedicating our celebrations to our amazing staff, who have gone above and beyond in the past few months, as well as all the other professions, businesses and members of the public who've helped us during the outbreak.

Libby Walters, Trust Interim CEO, said: "We want to say a heartfelt thank you to all those ambulance staff, police officers, truck drivers, and refuse collectors who keep our community going, to all our nurses and support staff who've worked, and continue to work, so tirelessly, to everyone in our community who's been so generous with gifts, time and messages. Thank you all.

"This is a time to reflect on all that we and our community have endured across Bath, North East Somerset and Wiltshire. To thank all those key workers on the front line, and to thank everyone who did their best to stay home, save lives and protect the NHS."

Chair:
Alison Ryan

Interim Chief Executive:
Libby Walters



Every day during the pandemic our RUH charity, The Forever Friends Appeal, was inundated with generous donations and gifts from people and businesses who wanted to support our call to help fill care packs for our staff.

Rhyannon Boyd, Head of Fundraising said: “We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us, whether you’ve made a donation or donated gifts in kind, thank you, everyone’s effort has already made a big difference and it really means a lot to our staff.”

We’re hugely grateful too to our universities and schools who made and delivered vital supplies of face visors to keep our frontline staff safe.

Libby Walters said: “Coronavirus hasn’t gone away and our work continues to care for those patients, and all others who need our many services now and in the future. But on the NHS birthday it’s a time to celebrate and to be grateful for the support of all in our community.”

What else is happening?

As part of the NHS anniversary weekend the RUH and national landmarks will be lit up blue. At 8pm on Saturday 4 July people will be encouraged to light candles in their windows in remembrance of victims of coronavirus.

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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