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Media Release

Dyson Cancer Centre 'Name the Crane' winner

Following a close run public vote, the tower crane helping to build the Dyson Cancer Centre at the Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) finally has a name – **Crane Austen**.

Patients, staff and the local community all put forward suggestions for the 40m crane which is a prominent feature on the RUH site.

Libby Walters, Director of Finance and Senior Responsible Officer for the project, said: "You really can't miss the crane at the front of the RUH, it's become a bit of a landmark already. It will be with us for a while, so we asked people to help find a suitable name. We had an amazing response with so many patients, staff and members of the public suggesting creative, amusing and imaginative names – thank you to everyone who got involved.

"It was very tough but in the end we narrowed it down to three suggestions, and asked our community to make the final decision by voting for their preferred name."

Nicola Cretney from Frome came up with the ultimate winning suggestion, she explained: "When I saw the RUH was asking for names, 'Crane Austen' popped into my head without me giving it any real thought. I love Jane Austen novels and know she has a strong connection with Bath and I liked the play on words!

"With so many people affected by cancer, the Dyson Cancer Centre feels like a reassuring development for local people. Being able to receive treatment, as well as the practical and

emotional support that is so important to patients and families when faced with a cancer diagnosis, in a modern, purpose designed building will hopefully be of huge value to those of us who access services there.”

The newly named crane is hard at work supporting the building phase of the new Centre at the RUH. Since breaking ground in July 2021 our construction partner Kier has made great progress. Groundworks are complete and the frame of the building is rapidly taking shape with first floor slabs already being laid in the three storey building.

Scheduled to open for patients in autumn 2023, the Dyson Cancer Centre will include oncology, chemotherapy, radiology and research services as well as a 22-bed inpatient ward and a specially designed Macmillan Wellbeing Hub.

You can follow the latest developments on our website www.ruh.nhs.uk/DysonCancerCentre or social media channels @RUHBath.

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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

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