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Media Release

RUH celebrates its exceptional nurses and midwives

Nurses and midwives working across the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust have been recognised for their outstanding contribution, in what has been another challenging year.

The RUH Nursing and Midwifery Awards provide the opportunity for staff to acknowledge and nominate a colleague to recognise and celebrate their incredible work.

This year the number of awards increased to 10, ensuring all groups of nursing and midwifery staff were acknowledged, aligning with the Trust's values that everyone matters.

One of the new awards this year was the Chief Nurse Award, nominated by Chief Nurse Toni Lynch to one outstanding individual.

This year's awards went to:

- **Midwifery Care Assistant of the Year:** Emma Badman, Lotus Continuity of Care Team
- **Trainee Nursing Associate of the Year:** Indigo Craig, William Budd ward
- **Staff Nurse of the Year:** Maria Stephens, Bank Staff Nurse
- **Midwife of the Year:** Sally Tedstone
- **Sister of the Year:** Sharon Ferguson, Senior Sister, Acute Stroke Unit
- **Special Recognition:** Mark Doblus, Lead Clinical Practice Facilitator
- **Specialist Nurse of the Year:** Merete Abbott, Clinical Practice Facilitator for Respiratory
- **Senior Nurse Leader of the Year:** Anne Plaskitt, Senior Nurse Quality Improvement
- **Nurse Practitioner of the Year:** Shelley Meiklereid, Senior Medical Nurse Practitioner
- **Chief Nurse Award:** Lucy Butcher, Senior Sister, Pulteney ward

Chief Nurse Toni Lynch said: “These awards are a really important part of the RUH calendar and provide a great opportunity for us to pause and reflect on the contribution nurses and midwives make to the organisation every single day. They are a way of saying thank you and showing how much we value each other.

“I continue to be so impressed with the incredible care and support that our staff provide to our patients and each other and I am enormously proud of each and every one.”

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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

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