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Media Release

Time's running out to vote for your new RUH public governors

Time's running out for members of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust to cast their votes for the Trust's new public governors.

Voting closes at 5pm on Monday 17 October and those members who have yet to vote are being urged to do so before the deadline.

Trust Chair Alison Ryan said: "The role of a public governor is incredibly important so if you are a member of the RUH Trust and you've yet to vote, please do so as soon as possible.

"Governors play a key role as the voice of our members and local communities and bring valuable perspectives to our activities to effect real change, so don't miss the opportunity to make your vote count – vote today."

The role of a governor is vital in ensuring that the Trust delivers services that meet the needs of patients, carers, staff and local stakeholders, and that the views of local people are heard and fed back to the Board of Directors.

Voting is open to all of the RUH's members who signed up to membership before 31 August and who live in the following constituencies:

- City of Bath
- Mendip
- North East Somerset
- South Wiltshire

RUH Members can vote online here: www.cesvotes.com/ruh2022

Voting runs until **5pm on Monday 17 October** and the results will be announced on our website.

If you have any questions, have not received a ballot pack or are unsure whether you are eligible to vote please contact our Membership Office on 01225 826288 or via email at RUHmembership@nhs.net.

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Notes to Editor:

At the RUH we're proud to put people at the heart of what we do, striving to create an environment where everyone matters. Everyone means the people we care for, the people we work with and the people in our community.

We provide a wide range of services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.

We also provide specialist services for rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME via the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases which we acquired in 2015.

In 2021, we acquired Sulis Hospital Bath, an independent hospital that provides care for both private and NHS patients. This has enabled us to provide more care for NHS patients, as well as continuing to provide private care to those who choose it. Any additional income earned through private care is reinvested in services for the benefit of the people we care for at both Sulis and the RUH.

We're currently building a new Cancer Centre at the RUH. The Dyson Cancer Centre, which is set to open in autumn 2023, will help transform the care we provide for patients, families and carers.

We work closely with other health and care organisations as members of the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board. We strive to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in our community by working together build one of the healthiest places to live and work.

We are rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

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