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Media Release

New RUH public governors elected

Six new public governors have been elected to the Council of Governors at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The new governors, who were voted for by RUH members, are:

- City of Bath – Nicola James & Vivienne Harpwood
- North East Somerset – Anna Beria
- Mendip – Anne Martin (re-elected)
- South Wiltshire – Diana Benham
- Rest of England & Wales – Ramal Royal

The candidate for the North Wiltshire constituency had to withdraw from the election process for personal reasons. As a result, we will be running a by-election shortly to fill this vacancy.

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.

Alison Ryan, Trust Chair, said: “Thank you to everyone who voted in the election. I’m delighted to welcome our new public governors to the Trust and look forward to working alongside them. They are the voice of members and local communities and will bring valuable perspectives to our activities to effect real change.”

You can find more information about the work of our public governors on the RUH website:
<https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/membership/governors/index.asp>



If you would like to become an RUH member, 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