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Media Release

RUH holds Armistice Day service

Staff and patients gathered to mark Armistice Day today (Friday 11 November) at the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust, remembering military and civilian sacrifices made in conflicts across the world.

The service, which took place in the garden of the hospital's Spiritual Care Centre, included the two minute silence, readings, the laying of a wreath and the Last Post.

The service was led by Lead Chaplain Narinder Tegally, alongside a number of staff including Director for People and Culture Alfredo Thompson, Chief Nurse Toni Lynch and Chaplain Philip Turner.

The wreath was laid by Macmillan Cancer Information Specialist Nurse Tracy Langton, who is an RAF veteran and member of the Royal Air Forces Association.

Research Sister Sara Burnard, whose grandfathers served in World War I and II, led a reading.

The Last Post was played by Doctor Joseph Barron-Snowdon.

The service is available to view on the [RUH's Facebook page](#), where it was also broadcast live.

Earlier this year, the RUH was awarded gold in the Ministry of Defence's Employer Recognition Scheme. This recognises organisations and businesses that employ and support those who serve in the forces, veterans and their families.

The RUH's commitment includes ten extra paid days leave for reservists to attend training, plus supportive policies for veterans, reservists, Cadet Force adult volunteers and spouses and partners of those serving in the Armed Forces.

The RUH has also been awarded Veteran Aware accreditation for its commitment to leading the way in improving NHS care for veterans and members of the armed forces community.

You can find out more on the RUH website: www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/veteran_aware

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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