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Media Release

Nominations open for new RUH public governor

Nominations are now open for a public governor vacancy at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The vacancy is for the North Wiltshire constituency, where the previous candidate had to withdraw from last autumn's election process for personal reasons.

Nominations are open from today, Monday 13 February, until Tuesday 28 February. Voting opens on Monday 20 March and runs until Tuesday 11 April.

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: "The role of a public governor at the RUH is a really important one – you act as the voice of our members and local communities and can help to make real changes.

"So if you think you think you could use your experience, skills and enthusiasm to make a positive difference in your local area, this is your opportunity to get involved and to make your voice count."

Further information and a nomination form can be found online at www.cesvotes.com/ruh2023 Please note that you must live within the North Wiltshire constituency to be eligible for nomination.

To request a copy of our Governor Guide, or if you would like more information about the role of a governor, please contact our Membership Office – RUHmembership@nhs.net

If you require any help with your nomination you can contact the Returning Officer on 020 8889 9203.

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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