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Media Release

RUH Cardiology team receives prestigious accreditation

The Cardiology team at the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust has been recognised by a leading professional organisation for providing the highest standards of care.

The British Society of Echocardiography recently awarded full departmental accreditation after a rigorous application and inspection process.

This is a nationally recognised benchmark of quality, and to achieve accreditation the RUH demonstrated reaching high standards in a number of important areas. These included evidence that the department's equipment and processes ensure safe and effective patient care.

The assessors were also extremely impressed with the culture and ethos of the team and praised the training offered to staff.

Dr Dan Augustine, Consultant Cardiologist at the RUH, said: "This accreditation means our patients can be confident that they will receive the highest quality of care from our team. It is testament to the team's dedication to ensuring our patients consistently receive the best possible experience.

"I'm so proud of everyone involved for their hard work in reaching this high standard for the people we care for."

Recent patient feedback on the service also highlights the high standard of care provided by the team, with one patient describing the service as 'first class' and another remarking on the 'kindness, respect and professionalism' with which they were treated.



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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