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Media Release

RUH seeks candidates for Non-Executive Director role

A new Non-Executive Director is being sought to join the Board of Directors at the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

Non-Executive Directors play a crucial role in bringing an independent perspective to the boardroom, in addition to any specific knowledge and skills they may have.

The vacancy is for someone with a professional background or qualification in financial management, and experience of risk management and internal control. Candidates should have experience of working in a regulated environment and of leading or managing significant cultural change in the working environment.

The role has a key focus on financial probity, and includes chairing the Audit committee, but the post holder will also share the board's focus on patient safety and care, and they will need to use their professional skills and perspective to support the governance and strategic development of the Trust. RUH is part of a Provider Group with two other acute hospitals, Great Western Hospital in Swindon and Salisbury Foundation Trust, and joint working between the three to address population health needs is progressing at pace. Non-Executive and Executive Directors have a responsibility to consider issues from this perspective as well as the purely local one.

Candidates should bring experience of operating at Board level and should be able to offer collaborative challenge and strategic advice to provide support, oversight, governance, and leadership in pursuit of the Trust's vision: "The RUH: where you matter".

Alison Ryan, Trust Chair, said: "We're seeking a new Non-Executive Director to join the Trust board and are keen to hear from applicants with a financial background.

“The position requires a dynamic individual who is progressive, ambitious, and driven, with a proven track record of delivery and who is comfortable establishing relationships across the Trust and its complex stakeholder landscapes.

“So if you feel you can play a vital role at the centre of the Trust and help to set the direction of the RUH, please do get in touch.”

You can find out more information and apply for the position [here](#).

If you meet the skill requirements and would like an informal discussion about the post, please contact Roxy Milbourne, Interim Head of Corporate Governance via email at roxy.milbourne@nhs.net in the first instance.

Closing date for applications for the position is Sunday 23 March 2025.

Interviews will be held on Thursday 3 April 2025.

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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.

Our new Dyson Cancer Centre brings together many of the RUH's cancer services under one roof to provide a cancer services hub for over 500,000 people in the South West. The centre includes the RUH's oncology, chemotherapy and radiotherapy services, a 22-bed inpatient ward, a dedicated pharmacy, research team and nuclear medicine and physics teams.

A key feature of the new centre is the Macmillan Wellbeing Hub. The three-storey hub provides a welcoming, non-clinical space designed around the needs of patients and their families. It also includes comfortable accommodation where relatives and loved ones can stay overnight.

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