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Media Release:

Royal United Hospitals Bath (RUH) welcomes Greg Davies and Time is Precious

On Friday 24 October, the Royal United Hospitals Bath (RUH) was delighted to welcome local charity, Time is Precious, along with one of its patrons, comedian, actor and TV host, Greg Davies, for a visit.

Founders of Time is Precious, Nicky and Neil Halford, set up the charity in 2011, in memory of their son Ben, who sadly died the previous year following a cancer diagnosis. Ben spent a lot of time at the RUH during his illness and this experience inspired Nicky and Neil's vision: to help create a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families in hospital or at home.

Since then, the charity has donated £465,000 to the RUH and has worked alongside specialists to purchase equipment and refurbish areas to support children whose illness or disability means long hospital stays for treatment. Greg popped by during a break from his sell out tour and several nights at The Forum in Bath to see the amazing contribution that Time is Precious has made to the RUH in person as well as meet some of our staff and patients.

Nicky Halford, co-founder of Time is Precious, said: "It was an absolute honour to have one of our Patrons Greg Davies visit the RUH to see the work we have done first hand. We are proud to support the hospital and Greg was very impressed with what we do. We'd also like to thank John Palmer, RUH Managing Director, for making time to join us as well."

RUH Managing Director, John Palmer, said: "I recently joined the RUH and have been lucky to meet Nicky and Neil and see the difference they make on two occasions already. What they do really matters to our staff and patients and I'm grateful to them for the contribution they make. We were delighted to host them and Greg Davies at the RUH; it really lifted the spirits of our staff and patients."

Greg Davies said: "It was wonderful to see, first hand, the brilliant work that Time is Precious is doing in the children's wards in Bath. They are a determined charity that I am proud to be a patron of"

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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