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RUH invites local community to Annual General Meeting

Patients, carers and members of the public are invited to hear about the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust's work and future priorities at its Annual General Meeting and Annual Members' Meeting.

The event will take place on **Tuesday 29 September 2026, from 3 – 5pm**, in the [Postgraduate Medical Centre \(PGMC, B20\)](#) at the RUH, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG.

The AGM provides an opportunity to hear from BSW Hospitals Group Chief Executive Cara Charles-Barks and the Trust's Board of Directors about the RUH's work over the 2025/6 financial year, including:

- Key achievements and improvements for patients
- Challenges faced by the hospital
- Priorities and plans for the future

Attendees will also hear from the Trust's Council of Governors and have the opportunity to ask the Board questions.

Paul von der Heyde, Chair of BSW Hospitals Group, said: "Our AGM is an opportunity to reflect openly on the RUH's progress and challenges, discuss our priorities and listen to the people in our community. This is my first RUH AGM since I took on the role of Chair of BSW Hospitals Group earlier this year, and I am particularly looking forward to welcoming and meeting members, patients, staff and local residents, and to hearing your questions and views."

Places are limited and advance registration is required. To book a place or submit a question to the Board, complete the [online registration form](#).

For questions about the event, email RUHmembership@nhs.net.

About the RUH

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