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## **Media Release**

### **RUH Nurse Heads Up UK Cancer Nursing Society**

RUH consultant nurse for cancer care Maggie Crowe has just been elected as the President of the UK Oncology Nursing Society (UKONS). Maggie's appointment will help ensure that people affected by cancer in the Bath area will receive treatment and care in line with the best national practice in cancer nursing.

With twenty years experience as a cancer nurse, Maggie is passionate about the important contribution that cancer nurses make in caring for their patients. She says: "I am delighted to be leading UKONS. My new role means that our nurses will have good access to all the great work that is being done throughout the UK in the treatment and care of patients and families affected by cancer. Similarly, it provides the RUH with an opportunity to share work undertaken by our cancer nurses and in doing so will raise the profile of our hospital.

"As president of UKONS, I will be keen to support cancer nurses throughout the UK to help them develop gold standard services that meet patient's individual needs. I will also be encouraging new and existing members to get more involved in this work so that cancer nursing practice is influenced by the nurses who are providing the everyday care and support to cancer patients."

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#### **Notes to editors**

- Maggie Crowe will be available for interview between 1.30pm and 3pm on Wednesday 1 October 2008. Please contact the RUH press office on 01225 821299.
- UKONS inspires cancer nurses throughout the UK by working with them to improve practice, influence national policy, highlight and share innovations in practice to improve the experience of cancer patients, and to meet the challenges of emergent technologies and service re-design in cancer care. For more information on UKONS please visit [www.ukons.org](http://www.ukons.org)