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## Media Release

### Introducing the new public governors for the RUH

It's time to introduce the new Public Governors for the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

The Trust is delighted to announce the following candidates have been voted by its members to be the Governors for the following constituencies:

- **Amanda Buss**, City of Bath
- **Helen Rogers**, North East Somerset
- **Michael Welton**, Mendip
- **Jacek Waclaw Kownacki** , North Wiltshire
- **Chris Hardy**, South Wiltshire

In total 14 candidates put themselves forward for the role of Public Governor and members had the opportunity to make their vote by post or online.

Trust Chairman Brian Stables said:

“Many congratulations and welcome to our new Governors who will start their three year term on Wednesday 1 November. It is really important that our members have a voice and our Governors will be able help us improve the Trust’s services for both patients and staff. I am looking forward to working with them

“I’d also like to thank everyone who nominated themselves and express my thanks to the Governors who have now finished their terms and left us, as they did a tremendous job.”

Amanda Buss, Helen Rogers and Michael Welton are previous Public Governors who have been re-elected. Jacek Waclaw Kownacki is a new Governor elected for the first time. Chris Hardy is a new Governor for South Wiltshire who has been confirmed through an uncontested election.



The newly-elected candidates will now go on to represent the Trust's 11,737 public members on the Council of Governors.

Trust members will have the opportunity to meet the new Governors at future constituency meetings and local events, and the candidates will feature in the winter edition of the Trust's Insight magazine which will be issued in December.

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**Notes to Editor:**

- The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust provides acute treatment and care for a catchment population of around 500,000 people in Bath, and the surrounding towns and villages in North East Somerset and Western Wiltshire. The hospital provides healthcare to the population served by four Clinical Commissioning Groups: Bath & North East Somerset CCG, Wiltshire CCG, Somerset CCG and South Gloucestershire CCG.
- The Trust provides 565 beds and a comprehensive range of acute services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.
- In 2015 The Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) NHS Foundation Trust. The RNHRD treats patients from across the country offering services in rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME.
- The RUH is changing - we have an exciting programme of redevelopment underway transforming our site and further improving the services we provide. The Trust is now working towards building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and a new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit\\_for\\_the\\_future](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future)
- For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk)

