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Media Release

Meeting about Somerset health and care plans – you're invited

Members of the public are being invited to hear details of Somerset's future health and care plans at a meeting in Shepton Mallet on 15 October.

There will also be the opportunity to question the main speakers, Rosie Benneyworth, Director of Strategic Clinical Services Transformation for Somerset's Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and James Scott, Chief Executive of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust,

Dr Benneyworth will talk about 'Fit for my Future', new proposals for Somerset's health and care strategies. James Scott will give an update on the Trust's activities and plans over the coming year, which include the opening of the new state of the art RNHRD and Therapies Centre at the RUH in June 2019.

The RUH Mendip Members Constituency meeting, at the Mendip District Council Chamber from 6-8pm, is being hosted by RUH Trust Public Governors for Mendip Anne Martin & Mike Welton.

Anne Martin said: "People in the Mendip area are very interested in health provision now and in the future, and this is a great opportunity to hear first-hand about matters that affect us all."

Mike Welton said: "This is an important meeting because this is a three-way partnership between the RUH Trust, the Somerset STP and the people of Mendip, who we know want to hear about and to be involved in the future of their local health care."

The meeting is open to the public and members are being encouraged to bring friends and family along. Please book your places by calling the RUH Membership Office on **01225 821262**.

The Mendip Members' Constituency meeting is on 15 October, 6-8pm at Mendip District Council Chamber, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT. Tea and coffee will be served from 5.30pm.

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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 has 759 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, chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, cancer related fatigue and fatigue linked to other long term conditions such as multiple sclerosis
- 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
- For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk

