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Media Release

Therapy Boost Christmas Party

Christmas came a little early for children at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust when a surprise guest dropped in to meet them.

There were gifts for all from Father Christmas for the children invited to the Therapy Boost annual Christmas party.

It was organised by the Trust's Children's Therapies Service for children and families who have attended Therapy Boost sessions through the year. Therapy Boost is a programme of integrated therapy sessions for pre-school children with complex needs.

Charlotte Sivier, Therapy Support Worker, said: "It was a really happy event and lovely seeing each of the children meet Father Christmas. We hold the party every year and it's an ideal opportunity for our families to meet others, and relax in a familiar and welcoming environment.

"We would like to say a huge Thank You to Sainsbury's, Chippenham, for very kindly donating a range of children's books for our special guest to give out as presents, and to Waitrose, Bath, who very generously donated £100 to purchase a variety of tasty festive treats for everyone."

The Children's Therapies Service comprises Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech and Language Therapists, and Therapy Support Workers. It is based in the Children's Centre at the RUH.

You can read more about the Service [here](#)

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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 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 building a purpose built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and working towards the 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

