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Media Release

RUH opens £1million refurbished cath lab for cardiology patients

Patients with heart conditions will now benefit from a new and improved clinical space at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust thanks to a £1million refurbishment project.

The RUH's oldest cardiac catheterisation lab, also known as a cath lab, has been completely transformed to bring it up to date with the latest state-of-the-art equipment.

A cath lab is where important cardiology tests and procedures take place, including angiograms with stenting of arteries and the implantation of pacemakers and cardiac defibrillators

The three-month project has seen the first GE Allia IGS 520 Pulse lab in the country installed, providing cutting edge technology for the people we care for.

The new kit gives staff access to the latest treatment and diagnostic technology a cath lab can offer, including a reduction in the X-ray radiation dose delivered to patients undergoing tests.

This particular lab was tailored to provide enhanced support to the implantation of pacemakers and complex devices like cardiac defibrillators.

Bradley Isaac, Specialty Manager for Cardiology, said: "The new cath lab is a fantastic addition to the facilities we offer our cardiology patients.

"The new equipment provides us with the latest technology to treat the people we care for and ensure we can continue to provide them with the very best experience at all times.

"I'd like to thank everyone involved in the project for their hard work and for working differently over the past three months to keep disruption to a minimum.

"This new facility reflects our commitment to providing our patients with the very best care and support."

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Notes to Editor:

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.

We're currently building a new Cancer Centre at the RUH. The Dyson Cancer Centre, which is set to open in spring 2024, will help transform the care we provide for patients, families and carers.

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