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## Media Release

### Meet your RUH Governor in Chipping Sodbury

Residents in the Chipping Sodbury area interested in their local health service are invited to meet one of the Public Governors from the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust at an afternoon event on Thursday, 28 February. The meeting will be taking place from 2:00pm – 4pm.

The Rest of England and Wales constituency meeting will be hosted by Andrew Simkins, Public Governor, at Chipping Sodbury Town Hall. Refreshments will be available from 1:30pm.

Andrew Simkins said: “I’m looking forward to meeting as many people as possible, to hear your views about our services and to share them with the Trust’s Board of Directors through the Council of Governors.”

Those attending will be able to hear from Howard Jones, the Trust’s Interim Director of Estates and Facilities, about the major building projects – making the RUH fit for the future – that are taking shape rapidly and nearing completion.

These include the new RNHRD and Therapies Centre, which is being built close to the main entrance of the RUH. It will be an outpatient centre providing treatment, care and education for patients to recover from episodes of illness or injury, or to manage their long-term condition. It opens later in the summer.

Another significant project is the new Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Orthodontic Department (OMFS) in Zone C of the main hospital. This is moving from its former home in the hospital to make way for the new Cancer Centre, and is an opportunity to create a new improved facility providing a 'Centre of Excellence' for conditions of the head and neck, including cancer, in a new purpose-built environment. It opens in early April.

Brian Stables, Chairman of the Trust said: “These constituency meetings are a great way for us to meet our members and members of the public and to hear their thoughts on the



services we provide. All of the feedback we gather will be taken to the next Council of Governors meeting and used to influence the RUH's priorities and future business plans.

"If you are able to attend, please book your place by calling our membership office on 01225 821262 or email: [ruhmembership@nhs.net](mailto:ruhmembership@nhs.net). We look forward to seeing you there."

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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 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 and 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 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)

