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### Brian Stables Farewell

Brian Stables, the long-standing chair of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust, has paid tribute to staff as he steps down from the role after nine years.

Mr Stables said in a farewell staff message: "I'd like to take the opportunity to thank every single one of you for your dedication in making the Trust, day in, day out, such a fantastic place to work – and for your continual focus on all aspects of patient safety, and improving the experience for our patients, their relatives and carers. You are amazing – a credit to the Trust and to our fantastic NHS."

Mr Stables, from Bradford on Avon, leaves his post on 31 March. During his term in office he helped to steer the RUH to achieve Foundation Trust status in 2014, and helped to develop both the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors to support the patient-centred culture and modern services provided by the Trust.

He said: "I'm obviously sad to be leaving after nine years in the role, which I've thoroughly enjoyed. It's been interesting, challenging and rewarding. It's been a privilege to help the Trust continue to develop and become fit for the future and I hope I've played some part in shaping and developing the Trust and its services over that time."

Trust Chief Executive James Scott said: "Brian's departure marks the end of era for all of us at the Trust. He has been an incredibly hard working and supportive Chairman over his nine years with us, and it has been an absolute pleasure to work with him. We wish him the very best for the future."



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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) ...

