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Come along to the Royal United Hospitals' Annual General Meeting

Members of the public are invited to The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 30 September, at the Apex Hotel, Bath.

This year, the meeting will have a special focus on stroke care, an issue that affects many people's lives. Stroke strikes every five minutes in the UK and can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time. Dr Louise Shaw, Consultant Stroke Physician will be sharing highlights of the many recent and innovative developments of the RUH's Stroke Service.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to hear more about the latest plans for the Dyson Cancer Centre, a behind the scenes look at our amazing new RNHRD and Brownsword Therapies Centre and our work towards becoming one of the first dementia-friendly hospitals in England.

Alison Ryan, Trust Chair said: "This will be my first AGM since becoming chair at the RUH. I said at the time of my appointment I was committed to listening to our staff, patients, partners and communities, and the AGM is a wonderful occasion to meet with members and the wider public.

"Please do come along, as well as hearing from the Trust it's a chance for us to hear from you - tell us what you think of the care we deliver and how we can further improve patient, carer or visitor experience. Your feedback will help us as we work towards our vision 'To provide the highest quality care, delivered by an outstanding team who all live by our values.'

"We will have information stands set up to explain our future plans and other key areas of activity taking place at the hospital. Staff and Governors will also be available to answer any questions you may have."

The AGM will also combine the Trust's Annual Members' Meeting. Attendees will hear from key speakers on how the Trust has performed – its activities, challenges and achievements over the last financial year. There will be a presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts and the Trust will outline its plans for the year ahead.

The AGM will be held at the Apex Hotel, James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA from 5pm, with the main meeting starting at 5.45pm.

Guests are asked to book their place in advance. This can be done by calling the Membership Office on **01225 821262** or email RUHmembership@nhs.net

Copies of the Annual Report and Quality Accounts will be available at the meeting and on the RUH website www.ruh.nhs.uk after the meeting, or by written request to the RUH Trust Secretary, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust, Combe Park, Bath, BA1 3NG

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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

For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk