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## RUH League of Friends seeks Human Resources trustee

Do you have expertise in human resources? The Friends of the RUH charity is looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated person to join its Board of Trustees.

Bernard Rymer, Chair, said: "This is an important and rewarding post for someone with experience in HR, employment law issues and performance management. You'll help us ensure we meet the highest standards of governance in policies and practice, and actively contribute to discussions about the Charity's objectives and development."

The charity works with a third party organisation providing day-to-day employment law advice. The HR trustee role will complement this advice where required.

The Friends of the RUH charity was established more than 60 years ago with the aim of providing amenities and support services for patients that would not otherwise be provided by the NHS or the other statutory bodies. In October 2019 it became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

It runs two retail operations at the RUH – the convenience shop in the Atrium and the Friends coffee shop. In total it employs 18 staff, most of whom are on part-time contracts. It also provides a range of volunteer services for the hospital with a volunteer workforce of more than 350, providing support services in more than 20 hospital departments. Volunteers' activities include serving drinks on the wards, guiding patients and visitors around the hospital, repairing walking aids and maintaining the courtyard gardens around the hospital estate.

You can read the HR trustee role description [here](#)

For more information about the role of Trustee with the Friends of the RUH, please contact Bernard Rymer, Chair, on 01225 427377 or by email – [Bernard.rymer@nhs.net](mailto:Bernard.rymer@nhs.net).

If you have enough information and would like to apply to be the HR Trustee, please send your cv to Bernard Rymer at the email address above.

**Ends**

**Notes to Editor:**

The World Health Organization has announced that 2020 will be the Year of the Nurse and Midwife to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. Our nurses and midwives are a big part of the RUH family and throughout the year we will be celebrating the work they do, going above and beyond every day to give our patients compassionate care.

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 has opened the purpose-built RNHRD and Brownsword Therapies Centre and is now working towards the 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)

