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## **911 boyband singer on the RUH ambulance frontline**

911 boyband singer Jimmy Constable is a big hit at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) – working on the NHS frontline, driving ambulances and caring for non-emergency patients during the coronavirus pandemic.

Jimmy, who found pop fame with the 911 trio in the 1990s, joined the F.A.S.T Ambulance team six weeks ago and says it's been an amazing experience.

He said: "It's been great. Strange, very different from what I normally do. It's challenging, but I like to be thrown in the deep end, so it's all good. It's been fantastic – I've really enjoyed it."

His work as an ambulance care assistant has taken him all over the south-west, meeting patients of all ages and transporting them to and from home and hospital.

He said: "The jobs are all varied. We've had COVID-19 positive patients, we've had end of life patients. It's job satisfaction every day. We took a sick little boy to London the other day and, as much as it made me teary because I've got kids of my own, the parents and family were so grateful it was really rewarding."

F.A.S.T Ambulance Operations Director – and 911's Tour Manager Tony Morrison said: "Jimmy's not doing too badly! I certainly threw him at the deep end. He's been exposed to all areas that I would expect all our staff to experience – and he's done a very good job."

Jimmy and his 911 bandmates have recently joined other 90s boybands performing at venues across the country – work that's been interrupted by the COVID-10 lockdown. So how long will he continue being an ambulance care assistant at the RUH in Bath?

Jimmy said: "I think my day job, concerts and mass gatherings, is going to be one of the last things to be allowed to return after lockdown. I've said that as long as they need me here, as long as they need my help, I'm happy to do it."

Listen to Jimmy's interview [here](#)

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### 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)

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