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RUH shortlisted in Patient Safety Awards 2020

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust (RUH) has been shortlisted for two national patient safety awards for its work in caring for patients with sepsis and acute kidney injury.

The hospital is a finalist in two categories in the national Patient Safety Awards 2020, which recognise and reward outstanding practice within the NHS and independent healthcare organisations.

Dr Lesley Jordan, RUH Consultant Anaesthetist and Patient Safety Lead, said: “We’re very proud to be shortlisted and recognised for our continued work in improving outcomes for patients with sepsis and acute kidney injury.

“Sepsis is a life-threatening reaction to an infection, when a person’s immune system overreacts and starts to damage the body’s tissues and organs. Acute kidney injury is when a person’s kidneys suddenly stop working properly, usually as complication of an acute illness, and this can range from minor loss of kidney function to complete kidney failure.

“These can have serious consequences and early detection of both conditions is really important to improve outcomes for patients. We have focused on identifying the conditions as early as possible, introducing process and tools to enable our frontline staff to implement treatment promptly and improve the care we deliver. We have also established a new senior nursing support team, the Sepsis and Kidney Injury Prevention (SKIP) team, to continue to drive this work and support frontline staff.”

RUH Medical Director Dr Bernie Marden said: “Being shortlisted for these awards, particularly at this time when the national focus is on the coronavirus outbreak, just

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highlights the dedication and sheer hard work of our staff to provide the best possible care for our patients. Improving patient safety is a key priority for us at the RUH and we are continuously looking at ways we can improve the care our patients receive.”

The RUH Trust is shortlisted for: Improving Patient Outcomes from Sepsis and Acute Kidney Injury in the Deteriorating Patients & Rapid Response Systems Award category.

It is also shortlisted for: The Sepsis and Kidney Injury Prevention (SKIP) team improving outcomes for patients in the Patient Safety Team of the Year category.

The team will be presenting their work virtually to a panel of judges to decide the category winner, which will be announced at a virtual awards ceremony in November.

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Notes to Editor:

The World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. Our nurses and midwives are a big part of the RUH family and throughout the year we are 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

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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

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