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Media Release

RUH welcomes back its doctors of the future

More than 100 medical students will return to the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust today (Monday 7 September) to continue their studies.

The medical students, from the University of Bristol, will be based in wards and departments all across the hospital.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the majority of the students' learning has taken place online, so getting them back on to the RUH site means they can concentrate on the more practical elements of their training, working directly with patients.

The students will be wearing their distinctive dark green polo shirt and grey trouser scrubs and will be living in 'bubbles' in the hospital's on-site accommodation.

Richard Graham, RUH Deputy Medical Director, said: "We're delighted to get our medical students back on site and involved in the day-to-day running of the hospital.

"These students are the doctors of the future, so it's essential they get that important practical experience and work closely with our patients.

"They will be supervised by a doctor at all times and will be following all of our infection prevention and control procedures.

"In addition to the practical, on-site learning, we'll also be supporting them with a combination of virtual and face-to-face learning.

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“I look forward to seeing them around the RUH and know our staff will give them a warm welcome and make sure they have all the help and support they need.”

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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 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

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