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### Introducing the RUH's new Public Governors

Voting has ended and the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is delighted to announce the following candidates have been chosen by its members to be Public Governors for the following constituencies:

- **Dr Nesta Collingridge-Padbury** - City of Bath
- **Suzanne Harris** - North East Somerset
- **Peter McCowen** - North Wiltshire
- **Anna Shantry** - North Wiltshire
- **Jill Scott** - South Wiltshire

Mendip and Rest of England and Wales constituencies were uncontested and the following candidates were elected unopposed:

- **John Osman** - Mendip
- **Virginia McNab** - Rest of England and Wales

Anna Shantry said: "I am ecstatic to have been elected as Governor. Having lived in North Wiltshire for over 25 years, it is a privilege to have this opportunity to represent the community and ensure that people have access to the patient-centred care they deserve."

Jill Scott said: "I am delighted to have been elected as Governor for South Wiltshire - to have the opportunity to give something back to the RUH and my local area is wonderful. I feel that this is a fantastic chance to help to ensure that good healthcare is provided across our community."

In total, 23 candidates put themselves forward for the role of Public Governor and members had the opportunity to make their vote by post or online.

Trust Chair Alison Ryan said: “Many congratulations and welcome to our new Governors who have now started their three-year term. It is really important that our members have a voice and, through our Governors, we will be able to hear it. This will help us further improve the Trust’s services for both patients and staff. I am looking forward to working with them as the RUH develops to cope with ever-increasing demands and opportunities.

“I’d also like to thank everyone who nominated themselves and express my thanks to the Governors who have now finished their terms and left us, as they did a tremendous job.”

The new Governors have all been elected for the first time and will go on to represent the Trust’s 11,430 public members on the Council of Governors.

Trust members will have the opportunity to meet the new Governors at future virtual constituency meetings and events, and the candidates will feature in in the winter edition of the Trust's Insight magazine which will be issued in December.

**Ends**

#### **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 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)

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