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## Media Release

### New Non-Executive Director for RUH Trust

A new Non-Executive Director with a wealth of financial management experience has been appointed to the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

Antony Durbacz is a chartered accountant who has spent his career in financial leadership roles within the commercial sector.

He previously held a Non-Executive Director role at Taunton and Somerset Foundation Trust, where he was Chair of the Audit Committee.

Antony will play a key role in bringing an independent perspective to the boardroom and use his professional skills and insight to support the governance and strategic development of the Trust.

Antony said: "I'm delighted to be joining the Trust, which has established a great reputation for the quality of its care. It provides a great service to many people across the region. I look forward to being part of the team seeking to deliver its strategic agenda, which will strengthen the local healthcare system to provide high quality services that are both clinically and financially sustainable."

Antony takes up the NED position vacated by Joanna Hole, who has been with the Trust since 2011, holding a variety of posts, including Senior Independent Director and Chair of the Non-Clinical Governance Committee.

Trust Chair Alison Ryan said: "I'm delighted that Antony will be joining us. His extensive financial experience, coupled with his understanding of the important role of a Non-Executive Director, will be a huge asset to the Trust going forward.

"I would like to thank Joanna for her tireless work and support that she has given to us over the past years. She has been a pleasure to work with and will be missed."

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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 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 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](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)