



# Royal United Hospitals Bath

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## Media Release

### RUH farewell and thank you to military personnel

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust has said thank you and goodbye to military personnel who've been supporting staff for the past month.

The military men and women provided invaluable help with the RUH's response to the second wave of the pandemic, carrying our general duties on wards and units.

RUH Chief Executive Cara Charles-Barks, who was presented with a commemorative emblem, said the military assistance had been invaluable for staff, allowing them to focus on their vital role of caring for patients.

She said: "Our staff have been working so hard for many months and having you join us has been an enormous boost to morale. From all of us, we are incredibly grateful – thank you."

Lieutenant Harry Martin, 29 Commando Unit Royal Artillery, said: "Working here with NHS colleagues is something that we will take with us for the rest of our lives. It's been such a positive and amazing experience."

The military teams were also presented with a signed medical scrubs shirt and a thank you video and book of personal messages from staff across the hospital

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#### 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.

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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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