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Media Release

RUH ask local community to help ‘Name the Crane’ working on the new Dyson Cancer Centre

A tower crane has arrived on site to help build the new Dyson Cancer Centre, and the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is asking for your help to give it a name.

The arrival of the 40m high crane marks a milestone in progress towards the new Centre, as work starts on constructing the framework for the three storey building. Scheduled to open in Autumn 2023, the Dyson Cancer Centre will provide cancer services for over half a million people in the South West.

Libby Walters, Director of Finance and Senior Responsible Officer for the project, said: “Situated at the front of the hospital, where the Dyson Cancer Centre will take shape, our new crane can’t be missed. It will be with us for while, so when we shared a few pictures of the crane hard at work, our community told us it definitely needed a name!

“We’re building something really special at the RUH; a nurturing and therapeutic environment where we can continue to provide high quality cancer care to patients, and their loved ones can receive all the support they need.

“Once complete, the new Dyson Cancer Centre will bring together the majority of the RUH’s cancer services, including research, under one roof, providing oncology, chemotherapy and radiotherapy services and a 22-bed inpatient ward.

“We’re looking for a crane name with imagination, humour and originality – so I’m afraid we’ve already ruled out Craney McCraneface!

“We’re really fortunate that our hospital is situated in such a great spot, within walking distance of Bath but with beautiful Kelston Roundhill and the rolling landscape of Lansdown in sight. The views from the top of the crane are quite spectacular.”

You can send your ideas along with a quick explanation about why you are suggesting this name to ruh-tr.communicationteam@nhs.net by Friday 10 December. Along with our construction partner Kier we'll pick a winner.

The crane, a TC1- WOLFF WK6017.6, can lift up to 8 tonnes and has a jib of 50m – that's the horizontal arm that swings around.

You can find out more and follow the progress of the new Centre on the RUH website www.ruh.nhs.uk/dysoncancercentre and on our social media accounts:

- Facebook @RoyalUnitedHospitalBath
- Twitter @RUHBath
- Instagram @ruh bath

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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.

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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