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Media Release

Young people check out the careers on offer at the RUH

School-leavers from Bath and the surrounding area flocked to the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust this week to find out more about the varied careers available in the NHS.

The careers fair, which took place on Thursday 9 March, during national Careers Week, gave year 10+ pupils the opportunity to meet staff from across the hospital to find out more about working at the RUH and the wide range of careers available in the NHS.

Teams from across the hospital were represented at the event, including maternity, therapies, pathology, estates, nursing, audiology and medical physics.

Hugh McKinney, RUH Learning and Development Lead, said: "There are so many career opportunities in the NHS and events like the careers fair are the perfect way for young people to find out more about working in healthcare and the opportunities for school-leavers here at the RUH.

"The RUH is the biggest employer in the local area and we are committed to continuing to build strong links with our community and offer job opportunities to local people.

"We want to recruit the very best staff and support them throughout their career and help them to flourish.

"We recently opened a new Career Zone in our Atrium to showcase the wide range of opportunities at our hospital and the fantastic benefits of working for the NHS.

"So please do drop in anytime to find out how you could become part of the great team of staff we have here at the RUH."

Will Hamlin joined the RUH straight from school when he took up the role of a healthcare assistant (HCA).

He said: “I wanted to become a healthcare assistant at the RUH as I heard that the HCA induction programme is really good, and it was. I was new to healthcare and I learnt all the skills I needed to do this job.

“The induction team helped ease me into this role and they gave me the encouragement I needed as I was learning lots of new skills.

“Since working here I’ve realised that there are many roles in the hospital and opportunities for me, including the option of applying to do a nursing apprenticeship to become a registered nurse, so I’m going to spend some time in this role and see where it takes me.”

You can find more information about the latest vacancies at the RUH and our recruitment events on our website: <https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/careers/>

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Notes to Editor:

At the RUH we're proud to put people at the heart of what we do, striving to create an environment where everyone matters. Everyone means the people we care for, the people we work with and the people in our community.

We provide a wide range of services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.

We also provide specialist services for rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME via the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases which we acquired in 2015.

In 2021, we acquired Sulis Hospital Bath, an independent hospital that provides care for both private and NHS patients. This has enabled us to provide more care for NHS patients, as well as continuing to provide private care to those who choose it. Any additional income earned through private care is reinvested in services for the benefit of the people we care for at both Sulis and the RUH.

We're currently building a new Cancer Centre at the RUH. The Dyson Cancer Centre, which is set to open in autumn 2023, will help transform the care we provide for patients, families and carers.

We work closely with other health and care organisations as members of the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care Board. We strive to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in our community by working together build one of the healthiest places to live and work.

We are rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

For more information about the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust visit: www.ruh.nhs.uk