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## Media Release

### Three specialities at RUH Bath now offering robotic surgery

Operations in a hat trick of specialities have now taken place at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust using its new Da Vinci surgical robot.

The Trust carried out its first gynaecology oncology and radical prostatectomy surgeries earlier in July. This follows its first ever colorectal operation using the technology in June.

This means that the RUH now has three specialities that can operate on the people it cares for with greater precision, and perform complex procedures with minimal access, while ensuring the highest levels of patient safety.

This is part of the commitment that has been made across the local area to invest in the latest technology. Great Western Hospital in Swindon has also recently completed its first robotic surgery, with Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust set to follow later this year.

Cara Charles-Barks, RUH Chief Executive, said: "I'm delighted that we can now offer robotic surgery to even more of the people we care for and I'm so proud of our teams who've worked tirelessly to make this happen.

"The fact that we have this cutting edge technology is not just great news for our community but everyone who works in our surgery teams – both now and in the future."

The robot at the Royal United Hospitals Bath is being generously funded by its charity RUHX. There's still a chance to donate. To find out how visit the [RUHX website](#).

To find out more about the difference surgical robots can make to patient care, [watch our video](#).

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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](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk)