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Media Release

New RUH public governors elected

Five new public governors have been elected to the Council of Governors at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The new governors, who were voted for by RUH members, are:

- Mendip – Kate Cozens
- North Wiltshire – Paul Newman
- North East Somerset – Victor Pritchard (uncontested)
- South Wiltshire – Ian Lafferty
- Rest of England & Wales – Anne-Marie Walker

The role of a governor is vital in ensuring that the Trust delivers services that meet the needs of patients, carers, staff and local stakeholders, and that the views of local people are heard and fed back to the Board of Directors.

Alison Ryan, Trust Chair, said: “I’d like to say a big thank you to all of our members who took time to vote in the elections. The role of a public governor is a really important one and plays a central role in making sure the voices of the local community are heard.

“I’m delighted to welcome our new public governors to the Trust and can’t wait to start working alongside them.”

You can find more information about the work of our public governors on the RUH website:
<https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/membership/governors/index.asp>

If you would like to become an RUH member, contact our Membership Office on 01225 826288 or via email at RUHmembership@nhs.net.

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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