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Media Release

RUH supports baby remembrance event

Families who have lost a baby are being invited to a special Winter Baby Remembrance Service, organised by the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust and the charity Sands.

This service takes place on Saturday 2 December at 1pm at The Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road, Weston, Bath.

The Reverend Prebendary Narinder Tegally, RUH Lead Chaplain, said: "This service is an opportunity for families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death to come together and remember at the beginning of a season that is hard for so many.

"The service, for people of all faiths or none, will include readings, music, and an act of remembrance for our special babies and the opportunity to place an ornament bearing your baby's name on the Christmas tree."

If you would like to attend the service, please email Narinder – narinder.tegally@nhs.net. If you are unable to attend in person, you can email Narinder with your baby's name so it can be written on an ornament and placed on the Christmas tree for you.

After the service, the Christmas tree will be on display in the RUH's Spiritual Care Centre until 6 January 2024.

The Trust offers a full bereavement and support service for grieving parents and families, including a purpose-built bereavement suite that provides space and privacy they need at a particularly difficult time.

For more information about Sands go to: <https://www.sands.org.uk/>

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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