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## Media Release

### RUH opens expanded Day Surgery Unit

The busy Day Surgery Unit at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust has been revamped to provide more capacity for elective patients and help to reduce surgery waiting times.

Over the past few months the unit has been refurbished to provide an additional five new cubicles, which will allow it to take more patients, as well as a new waiting room.

The building works mean that those patients on the ward will also benefit from improved privacy.

The unit will now also be available for use by paediatric patients too, reducing pressure on the hospital's Children's Ward.

David Harding-Clark, Theatre Improvement Support Manager, said: "It's fantastic to see these improvements in place. They will make a really positive difference for the people we care for and I know our staff are really pleased with them too.

"The vast majority of operations carried out at the RUH are day cases, which means patients can get back home once they've had their surgery.

"The new improvements will mean we have capacity to treat more patients and the unit will become an even more welcoming place for the people we care for.

"This has been a big project and I would like to thank all of our staff who have been involved for their support and patience while these fantastic improvements have been made."

RUH Chief Executive Cara Charles-Barks said: "We are always striving to further improve the experience of the people we care for.

“These improvements to our Day Surgery Unit will not only provide our patients with updated, more private facilities but, crucially, enable us to increase our overall surgical capacity.”

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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).

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