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Media Release

Flower power adds Christmas cheer for youngsters at the RUH

Some of the youngest patients at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust can now enjoy a bright and festive art installation which is in place in the Children's Ward garden.

The eye-catching display, which will be in place over Christmas and the New Year, features a number of giant illuminated lilies and Victoria amazonica flower sculptures. More illuminated flowers have been installed in the central courtyard, adjacent to the hospital's Atrium.

They have been generously donated by Jig and Lindsey Cochrane at Frome-based artists studio Jigantics, working alongside the RUH's in house art and design team, Art at the Heart.

Lindsey proposed the display after visiting the RUH with her son and being impressed with the artwork on show in the garden areas and around the hospital corridors.

Mary McDonagh, Senior Ward Sister, said: "The flowers look fantastic and are a really welcome addition to the Children's Ward garden. It really helps to brighten up the garden at this time of year and I know that our patients will love the flowers.

"I'd like to thank Jigantics for the stunning display and for the early Christmas present to our young patients."

Lindsey said: "The Jigantics team is thrilled to be able to share the flowers with everyone at the RUH this winter.

"Flowers have always been symbols of thought, be it love, empathy, celebration or appreciation, a shared unspoken language. Through the giant illuminated blooms we aim to make interventions in familiar places that change the viewer's perspective and experience of that space, whilst igniting feelings of awe, joy, warmth and unity between them. Ultimately creating windows of shared and memorable happiness.

“We are grateful to all those working in the RUH and wish all the patients well and a happy Christmas.”

For more information about Jigantics go to www.jigantics.com

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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