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Media Release

RUH supports Winter Baby Remembrance Service

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 30 November at 1pm at All Saints Church, 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 and diverse beliefs, will include readings, music, and an act of remembrance for our special babies and the opportunity to place an ornament - an angel or a star - bearing your baby's name on the Christmas tree."

If you would like to attend the service, please email Narinder – narinder.tegally@nhs.net or ruh-tr.chaplaincy@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 2025.

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.

Our new Dyson Cancer Centre brings together many of the RUH's cancer services under one roof to provide a cancer services hub for over 500,000 people in the South West. The centre includes the RUH's oncology, chemotherapy and radiotherapy services, a 22-bed inpatient ward, a dedicated pharmacy, research team and nuclear medicine and physics teams.

A key feature of the new centre is the Macmillan Wellbeing Hub. The three-storey hub provides a welcoming, non-clinical space designed around the needs of patients and their families. It also includes comfortable accommodation where relatives and loved ones can stay overnight.

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