



02.12.24

Communications Department

Royal United Hospital
Combe Park
Bath
BA1 3NG

Tel: 01225 826230 / 821459
Mobile: 07557 756658 (office hours)

ruh-tr.communicationteam@nhs.net
www.ruh.nhs.uk
www.twitter.com/RUHBath

Media Release

It's a bright and blooming brilliant Christmas at the RUH

Patients at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust will enjoy a brighter Christmas thanks to a stunning new art installation of giant illuminated flowers.

The jaw-dropping display, which will be in place over Christmas and the New Year, features a number of giant *Victoria amazonica* flower sculptures. It follows on from the success of a similar art installation that took place over the festive season last year.

The flowers have been installed in the Children's Ward garden and the two central courtyards, adjacent to the hospital's Atrium.

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

James from Jigantics said: "The Jigantics team is thrilled to be able to share the flowers with everyone at the RUH this winter. Studies have shown that even looking at visual representations of nature reduces stress and anxiety and ultimately improves our mental health and wellbeing.

"Flowers also have a long history within cultures of being symbols of thought, be it love, empathy, celebration or appreciation - a shared unspoken language between humans.

"Through these giant illuminated blooms we aim to make interventions in public places that spark a sense of awe and wonder, whilst also generating feelings of relaxation, warmth, joy and unity between those gazing at them. Ultimately, creating windows of shared and memorable happiness.

"Jigantics are grateful to all those working in the RUH and wish all the hospital's patients well and a Happy Christmas."

Tony Smith, Art at the Heart Exhibitions Manager, said: "We're delighted to welcome Jigantics back to the RUH again for Christmas and New Year.

"Their designs are incredible and always so popular with patients and staff alike, helping to create a feeling of wellbeing and an uplifting environment for the people we care for."

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

Ends

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