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## Media Release

### RUH showcases its vital research work

Researchers from the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust showcased their successes when they were visited by Professor Ruth Endacott, Director of Nursing and Midwifery at the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

During her visit, Prof Endacott met with members of the RUH's research team, as well as with senior members of the nursing and midwifery team, to find out more about the work ongoing at the RUH.

The RUH runs a range of initiatives to support research across the organisation and to allow busy clinical staff to use the best evidence and research in their daily work. These include a bi-monthly Research Network meeting, an annual research and development abstract competition and a research café to support those with research ideas.

Prof Endacott also got to see a vaccine clinical trial in action before meeting with research staff from across the Trust to find out more about their successes and the future opportunities to support research studies at the RUH.

Prof Endacott said: "I was delighted to visit the RUH and find out more about the excellent research work being done there in a number of different disciplines.

"It gave me the chance to meet staff face to face and find out more about their successes as well as the challenges that researchers can face.

"Hospitals that carry out research have been found to provide better outcomes for patients and the RUH has a great reputation for its research studies.

“Quite simply, research changes people’s lives. Studies and trials continue to find vital new treatments that save lives in the UK and around the world.”

Dr Sharon Grieve, Research Engagement Lead at the RUH, said: “It was a real honour to have Ruth visit and a great opportunity for us to tell her more about the research work we do at the RUH.

“The RUH is a very research-active Trust and we’re really proud of the role we continue to play in identifying new, often life-saving treatments and vaccines and in supporting our staff to undertake research.”

The NIHR is funded by the Department of Health and Social Care to improve the health of the nation through research.

Working in partnership with the NHS, universities, local government, other research funders, patients and the public - it funds, enables and delivers health and social care research that improves people's health and wellbeing and promotes economic growth.

For more information about research work at the RUH go to [https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/research\\_development/index.asp](https://www.ruh.nhs.uk/patients/research_development/index.asp)

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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 spring 2024, 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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