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Media Release

Could you be an RUH governor?

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust is looking for six public governors and two staff governors to help shape its services and plans for the future – and nominations are now open.

There are public governor vacancies across the City of Bath, North East Somerset, Mendip, North Wiltshire and South Wiltshire constituencies where current governors have come to the end of their terms.

A public governor helps to ensure that the Trust delivers services that meet the needs of patients, carers, staff and local stakeholders. Governors do this by creating stronger links with the communities that the RUH serves by reflecting patient and public views and interests.

The core time commitment for public governors is four Council of Governor meetings per year, plus the Annual Members' Meeting, but there are many other activities you are encouraged to get involved in to get more out of the role. Governors receive full training for their role as well as ongoing support from the RUH Membership Office.

The RUH is also looking to recruit two staff governors to act as the voice of their colleagues, ensuring staff views are heard at every level of the Trust and sharing the views of staff with the Council of Governors and Board of Directors. Staff governors have a key say in the decisions that affect working life at the hospital and help to make the services the Trust provides the very best they can be.

Liam Coleman, RUH Interim Chair, said: "Our public and staff governors play an invaluable role at the RUH, helping the hospital's Board to stay focused on the things that really matter.

“These really are important roles that make a significant difference to the people we care for, the people we work with and the people in our community.

“So if you would like to play a central role in the shaping the direction of the RUH, please do put yourself forward for nomination, or get in touch to find out more about the roles.”

Nominations for both public governors and staff governors are now open and will close at 5pm on **Tuesday 23 September**.

You can complete a nomination form on our election website here:
www.cesvotes.com/RUH2025.

For a printed nomination form please call 0208 889 9203 or email
fnominationenquiries@cesvotes.com

You need to be a member of the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust to be eligible to stand as a public governor. No formal qualifications are required, just enthusiasm, a willingness to ask questions, be open to ideas, and a desire to make a difference by getting involved in your local hospital. To become a member, join here <https://ruh.nhs.uk/membership/>

Contact the Membership Office on 01225 821262 or via email at RUHmembership@nhs.net to request a Governor Guide and to find out more about the role.

There's also lots more information and support on the [RUH website](#).

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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,



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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