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Media Release

Fracture clinic casts a spell: Halloween display marks National Casting Day

Staff at the Royal United Hospitals (RUH) Bath NHS Foundation Trust have conjured up a frightfully fun Halloween display to celebrate National Casting Day on 6 November.

National Casting Day is an annual initiative that shines a spotlight on the incredible skills and services provided by those who work in fracture clinics and cast rooms.

The RUH Fracture and Orthopaedic Clinic provides expert care for patients with orthopaedic conditions, soft tissue injuries, and broken bones. The team includes physiotherapist and orthopaedic practitioners who treat patients of all ages – from planned surgeries to emergency cases.

This year, teams across the country were invited to take part in a Halloween-themed 'Cast Off' competition, and the RUH fracture clinic rose to the challenge winning the competition with their spooky graveyard display made from plaster.

Claire Hall, Orthopaedic Practitioner, said: "We wanted to do something that was creative and fun, but also to raise awareness of the vital work we do behind the scenes. Casting isn't just about plaster – it's about helping people get back on their feet after injury or surgery. This competition gave us the perfect chance to showcase our skills and teamwork."

Claire added: "No two days are ever the same in the plaster room. One moment we're helping a child with a broken arm, the next we're supporting someone recovering from major surgery. Every cast is tailored to the patient using materials like plaster of Paris and other light weight synthetic materials – it's a hands-on job that makes a real difference."

Find out more about the wide variety of opportunities in the NHS by searching online for 'health careers'.

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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