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Media Release

New Chairman for the Min

Peter Franklyn has been appointed as Chairman for the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust, locally known as the Min, or Royal Mineral Water Hospital, in the centre of Bath.

Peter succeeds Stephen Cole who has been Interim Chair at the Trust since April 2009. Following the necessary due process Stephen has been appointed as a Non Executive Director of the Trust Board.

Peter, a local resident of Bath for the last 25 years, brings recent active experience of specialist healthcare gained during nine years as the Chief Executive of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability in London.

Peter said:

“I’m delighted to have been appointed and am really enthusiastic about what we can achieve together at the Min; I’m already struck by the positive outlook and enthusiasm of the staff.

“It’s clear that this is an organisation that is passionate about its patients and making sure that they receive the best possible care and treatment for their often complex conditions.

“I look forward to working with the Board and Council of Governors in ensuring that we continue to provide the safe and effective care the Hospital is renowned for.

Kirsty Matthews, Chief Executive at the Min said;

“I would like to welcome Peter to the Trust and I look forward to taking the organisation forward with him.”

“I would also like to thank Stephen for all he has contributed during his time as Interim Chair, and we are delighted that he will be staying with us as a Non Executive Director.”

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Notes to editors:

- Stephen Cole was appointed as Interim Chair under a Monitor intervention order. The appointment was for a fixed term from April 2009 and was due to end in March 2010.
- Earlier this year, Monitor indicated that the Trust Chair could be appointed through the normal process, by the Council of Governors, rather than by intervention order. Stephen who does not live locally made the decision not to stand as the potential Chair of the Trust going forward.