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## Press Release

### Food Hygiene Award for the Min

The catering team at the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust, also known as The Min, has been awarded a Food Hygiene Award with Merit following a routine inspection from BANES Environmental Health.

Over 1600 organisations in the BANES area have been inspected, with only around 2% meeting the high standards required for the award, of these the Min was one of only several organisations to achieve a Merit.

This is the fourth time in a row that the team at the Min have been successful in achieving this award in recognition for their high standards in food safety and cleanliness.

Charles Worrall, Food Safety Officer at BANES said:

“To achieve the Food Hygiene Award with a Merit on a fourth consecutive occasion is an unbelievable achievement. It stands testament to the importance they place on their client’s welfare, not only demonstrated in words but in practice.

“To achieve this award shows remarkable dedication. The RNHRD are now the example for other food operators in Bath and North East Somerset to aspire to.”

The team were judged against environmental health standards in food preparation. All aspects of hygiene, cooking and cleaning processes were looked at and all kitchens and food preparation areas in the hospital were inspected.

Nigel Elwell, Catering Manager at the Min said:

“I am really proud of the team. It’s very difficult to get this award and to achieve a merit is even harder still, and to do this for four assessments in a row is a fantastic achievement.

“It’s great the team’s efforts have been recognised in this way. They work hard everyday to maintain these high standards, and take real pride in the service they provide to patients and staff at the Min.”

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#### Notes for Editors:

The RNHRD NHS FT is a national specialist rehabilitation and rheumatology hospital based in Bath. Offering services to adults, children and young people the Trust has expertise in general and complex:

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- Neurological rehabilitation
- Chronic pain management
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