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Press Release

London Marathon runner raises over £1000 for specialist hospital

Andy Philipps, successfully completed all 26.2 miles of the 2010 Flora London Marathon and in doing so raised over £1000 for the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust, also known as the Min.

Andy chose to raise the money for the Min as he felt it was a worthy cause due to the help and support that the hospital has given to his mother.

He said:

“The work that the Min does is so important in alleviating pain and treating joint and bone problems. I have witnessed this through the fantastic work which has been done in helping my mother during her regular visits for treatment over the past few years.”

He completed the Marathon in a respectable 4 hours 46 minutes. When asked how he felt at the finish line he replied,

“I am pleased to report a very enjoyable and relatively pain free event, and I would like to thank those who supported me and made a donation to this worthy cause.

“My time of 4.46 was not as fast as I had hoped, due to wet start, heat, age, feet, legs, ...need I go on? but 11 minutes quicker than last year – so in 10 years time I will be up with the elite!!.”

Julie O'Donnell Chair of the Charitable Funds Committee at the hospital said

“This is fantastic achievement and we are grateful to Andy for choosing to raise such a substantial amount of money for our hospital. It will be put to good use for the benefit of our patients.”

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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:

- Rheumatological and musculoskeletal conditions
- Neurological rehabilitation
- Chronic pain management
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME
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