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PRESS RELEASE

LOCAL HOSPITAL SEEKS NEW GOVERNORS

The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust (RNHRD) locally known as 'the Min' is seeking a number of new members of its Council of Governors as existing Governors come to the end of their terms of office. Located in central Bath, the hospital has an international reputation with expertise in complex rehabilitation for adults and adolescents. Services include Rheumatology, Pain Management, Neuro-rehabilitation and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

The Council of Governors contributes to the strategic direction of the hospital Trust and represents its members. The Council is compiled of elected patient, public and staff representatives, as well as representatives from partnership organisations such as BANES Primary Care Trust, Arthritis Care, and Headway.

The hospital is now seeking to appoint new patient, public and staff governors and would therefore like to invite anyone interested to consider standing for election to the Council of Governors.

Chairman, Peter Franklyn said: "This is an exciting opportunity to become more actively involved in shaping the future of this unique hospital. We are always keen to ensure that members of the Council represent as wide a spread of relevant interests as possible. I look forward to welcoming new members to the Council and to the contribution they will make."

Anyone interested in standing for election or becoming a member of the Trust should contact the Membership Team for more information on 01225 465941 ext.295 or by email: Laura.Curnock@rnhrd.nhs.uk.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31st December 2010.

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Notes for Editors:

Case studies profiling two governors are attached.

The RNHRD NHS FT is a national specialist rehabilitation and rheumatology hospital based in Bath.

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