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PRESS RELEASE

HOSPITAL THANKS LOCAL CHARITY FOR 'STATE OF THE ART' BEDS

A celebration tea has been held by Bath's Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD), locally known as 'the Min', to thank the Bath National Osteoporosis Society Group (NOS) for the recent donation of 'state of the art' electrically adjustable beds.

Donations from the Bath NOS total over £15,000 in the last few years and have contributed towards the hydrotherapy service, specialist software to enhance outputs from the bone densitometry scanner, and 'state of the art' electrically adjustable beds.

The RNHRD is a leading centre for the treatment, diagnosis and management of osteoporosis and those at increased risk of fracture. It has a wide range of specialist staff providing high quality treatment based on best practice and research.

Osteoporosis is often referred to as the 'fragile bone disease'. One in two women and one in five men over the age of 50 will break a bone, mainly due to osteoporosis. It can also affect children. The team at 'the Min' have established expertise in osteoporosis and see on average over 300 patients per month. The hospital provides for adults on an inpatient and outpatient basis and also runs a paediatric osteoporosis clinic.

On behalf of the team at the hospital, Dr Bhalla, Consultant in Rheumatology and Metabolic Bone Diseases said: "The event we have held is a small token of our huge gratitude to the Bath group of the National Osteoporosis Society for their invaluable support. Their donations have enhanced the service we provide for our osteoporosis patients and very many people have felt the benefit."

The National Osteoporosis Society was established in Bath in 1986 and is the only UK charity dedicated to improving the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. It offers a wide range of services to people who are concerned about osteoporosis.

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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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