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## LOCAL HOSPITAL GOVERNORS THANKED BY MAYOR

Governors of Bath's Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, locally known as 'the Min', attended a civic reception at the Guildhall recently, hosted by the city's mayor, Councillor Shaun McGall. The reception was held in the Parlour on Wednesday 30 March 2011 at 4.30 pm.

Some of the hospital governors are retiring and the occasion was an opportunity for their long service to be recognised. Service as a governor is a voluntary role but is a vital part of the management of a hospital. Governors are drawn from staff, patients and the wider community and are responsible for monitoring the hospital's performance. They also have a broad role which includes ensuring that the local community and staff have a greater say in how the hospital's services are developed and delivered.

Kirsty Matthews, RNHRD Chief Executive said: "It was a real pleasure to attend this reception and we were very grateful to the Mayor for his hospitality. Several of our governors have served the hospital for many years, entirely voluntarily, and it was gratifying to see their contribution recognised in this way."

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### **A photograph of governors at the Guildhall is attached.**

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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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