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## Press Release

### HOSPITAL MAINTAINS CONSISTENT HIGH RATINGS FOR PATIENT ENVIRONMENT

Bath's Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases NHS Foundation Trust, locally known as 'the Min', has been highly rated in the annual PEAT (patient environment action team) inspection results published by the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA).

The PEAT assessment looks at the overall environment a hospital provides for patients, reviewing areas such as infection control, cleanliness and food standards. All eligible NHS hospitals were assessed. The process drives improvements by sharing best practice across the NHS.

Hospitals are scored in three areas, environment, food, and privacy and dignity. For 2011, 'the Min' was rated excellent for food, and good for environment and privacy and dignity. This is an improvement on last year's scores which were good in each area.

Chief executive, Kirsty Matthews said: "We are delighted to have achieved such positive ratings. Our consistent high standards reflect the dedication of our staff and the high priority we place on good patient care."

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#### Notes for Editors:

- The PEAT was established in 2000 and is a benchmarking tool to ensure improvements are made in the non-clinical aspects of a patient's healthcare experience, such as cleanliness, food, infection control and patient environment (including bathroom areas, décor, lighting, floors and patient areas). PEAT highlights areas for improvement and shares best practice across the NHS. PEAT is an annual assessment of inpatient healthcare sites in England that have more than 10 beds.
- 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
  - Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME
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