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Press Release

DUCHESS OF CORNWALL EXTENDS PATRONAGE OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR RHEUMATIC DISEASES

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall is delighted to extend her Patronage of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD NHS FT), known locally as the 'Min', for a further five years.

The Duchess has been a Patron of the Bath based national specialist rehabilitation and rheumatology hospital since 2006. Her Royal Highness has been closely involved with efforts to support people who are suffering from osteoporosis and the RNHRD is a leading centre for the treatment, diagnosis and management of this condition, with a wide range of specialist staff providing high-quality treatment based on best practice and research.

Kirsty Matthews, Chief Executive at the RNHRD says: "We are very pleased that the Duchess will continue to be our patron. Her Royal Highness has visited the hospital a number of times and officially relaunched our young people's neuro rehabilitation unit; her involvement was a great boost to both patients and staff.

We look forward to welcoming Her Royal Highness back to the hospital in the future and sharing our latest developments with her."

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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
- www.mhrd.nhs.uk