

24<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## **Press Release**

### **Grow your own**

The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases Charitable Fund would like to invite children of all ages to take part in a sponsored sunflower growing competition in 2012 to raise funds for our charity.

The fund raises funds for the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases to improve the facilities and environment for patients, their relatives and carers, staff and visitors to the trust.

Although the core services of the hospital are funded by the NHS, The RNHRD Charitable Fund raises funds for the hospital to improve the facilities and environment for patients their relatives and carers, staff and visitors to the trust.

During the months of April-September 2012 we are asking local children to grow a sunflower and be sponsored per cm of growth by family and friends.

Hillier Garden centre in Bath are kindly supporting us by providing the sunflower seeds. To take part children would need to simply plant the seeds indoors in April and then in June move them outside and watch them grow. A prize will be awarded to the child with the tallest sunflower by the 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The funds raised from this sponsorship will go towards the hospitals 'Refresh' appeal which is looking at an approved programme of refurbishment throughout the hospital. These include those areas requiring modernisation, new equipment or a decorative face-lift. The first stage of these appeals is for the outpatients department and work will start as soon as funding is received

For further information and sunflower seeds please contact [fundraising@rnhrd.nhs.uk](mailto:fundraising@rnhrd.nhs.uk) or 01225 465941

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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
- Hillier Garden Centre
- [www.rnhrd.nhs.uk](http://www.rnhrd.nhs.uk)