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Press Release

Bath Chronicle sponsors RNHRD Award

The Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) held its annual employee awards event on Tuesday 1st May 2012 presided over by The Right Worshipful The Mayor of Bath (Councillor Bryan Chalker). The event was held to honour and acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our employees.

There were a number of awards presented on the day and the Bath Chronicle award for patient care and service innovation was awarded to the RNHRD Housekeeping Team.

Kirsty Matthews, Chief Executive said, 'our housekeeping team are such an important part of our hospital, they work hard every day to meet extremely rigorous standards and guidelines so we can maintain the high standards of cleanliness and safety that patients expect.

Without them we would not consistently achieve the high scores we receive for a range of national inspections and surveys, it is wonderful that they have received this award'

The award was presented by Sam Holliday, Editor of The Bath Chronicle to Debbie Lacey Head of Housekeeping. Debbie said, 'we are delighted to receive this award as recognition of all our hard work.'

The Bath Chronicle also sponsored the runner up award which this year was jointly won by our Breast Radiotherapy Injury Rehabilitation Service and Macmillan Step Up Service for Cancer Survivors.

The Breast Radiotherapy Injury Rehabilitation Service, have piloted a national service for women who suffer the late effects of radiotherapy for breast cancer. The

team provide highly specialised, individualised care in an exceptionally thoughtful and considered way. It is their care and compassion with each individual patient that caused them to be nominated for this award. The service is already nationally recognised and will make an incredible difference to the patients affected.

The Macmillan Step Up Service is an innovative service that is using our existing skills and strengths in chronic fatigue to support patients suffering with post cancer care fatigue. The team are able to make a big impact on a patient group that to date have had little support or intervention. The team work closely with their patients individually and in groups to help them return to improved levels of activity and engagement in their lives as they recover from their cancer treatment.

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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.rnhrd.nhs.uk