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**Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Welcomes Findings of Lord O'Shaughnessy Report and Strengthens its Research Commitment**

*Truro, Cornwall, UK – October 2024 – Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust (RCHT) today expresses its strong support for the recent recommendations outlined in the Lord O'Shaughnessy Report on UK clinical research. The report, commissioned by the UK government, sets out a roadmap to enhance clinical research and improve patient outcomes across the NHS, ensuring that the UK remains a global leader in healthcare innovation.*

*At RCHT, we believe that the report's emphasis on increasing patient participation in research, fostering collaboration between NHS Trusts, and improving the speed and delivery of clinical trials is essential for the future of healthcare. In response, RCHT is further advancing its commitment to clinical research through key initiatives, including the Cornwall One Research (CORE) Group, which brings together research leaders from partner organisations.*

*As part of this commitment, RCHT is also invested in the development and training of clinical research professionals through strategic partnerships. Our recent collaboration with the Institute of Clinical Research (ICR) to deliver bespoke clinical trial training underscores our determination to provide our staff with the skills and knowledge necessary to lead high-quality research, as identified as a priority in the O'Shaughnessy report.*

*Quote from RCHT Leadership:*

*"We welcome the findings of the Lord O'Shaughnessy Report and its clear call for action to strengthen the UK's position as a world leader in clinical research. At RCHT, we are proud to be part of this movement and are committed to implementing the report's recommendations by fostering innovation, expanding research capacity, and ensuring that our workforce is trained to the highest standards to deliver excellent clinical trials."*

- *Bianca Mills Head of R&D, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust.*

*Quote from ICR:*

*"The ICR has always focused on delivering high quality training for its members" added Tina Barton, Board Director, The ICR. "This partnership is an exciting step for us, especially as we are expanding our board, our reach and our membership. We hope to be able to support other NHS trusts in the future"*

The training will commence on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 and both Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust and The ICR are very excited about the partnership.

- *Tina Barton, Board Director, The Institute of Clinical Research.*



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