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**Catriona Shearer and Annabel Goldie help Glasgow's Hospice celebrate Burns  
For immediate release**

***Pictures attached – credit: Mark Gibson***

Broadcaster Catriona Shearer, Baroness Annabel Goldie and entertainer Scott Glynn will be supporting The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice as it hosts A Celebration of Burns on Friday, January 13 at the Hilton Glasgow.

More than 400 guests will attend the night, hosted by Catriona, that captures the spirit of Robbie Burns.

Catriona said: "I'm delighted to be hosting this Celebration of Burns in support of the hospice. It's a fantastic resource, providing excellent care. And it is important to raise as much money and awareness for it as we can."

Former football referee Willie Young will address the haggis and give the Immortal Memory, while Scott will give the Toast to the Lassies and Baroness Goldie will Reply to the Laddies. After a wee dram, there will be entertainment from award-winning Burns performer Sophie Craig, dancing to ceilidh band Callanish and the chance to buy original paintings by Scottish artists including Marion Drummond and Ed Hunter.

Baroness Goldie said: "It is a great privilege to be invited to support the work of the hospice by speaking at A Celebration of Burns.

"The hospice touches lives when shadows are long and dark, bringing support, comfort and reassurance to patients and their families. That is made possible by the skill and dedication of all the staff and volunteers.

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge that magnificent endeavour and to contribute in a very small way to it."

Sponsored by Glasgow Airport, the annual event has raised more than £500,500 since it began in 1999.

Rhona Baillie, chief executive of The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice said: "Our A Celebration of Burns is a great start to an incredibly exciting year for us.

"Work has begun to build our new home at Bellahouston Park, a state-of-the-art hospice that will provide the very highest standards of palliative care.

“I would like to thank all our loyal supporters who have helped us on our journey. And I hope everyone stays with us, we still have £1.75million to raise to reach our £21m target.” Glasgow’s Hospice provides free specialist care to patients and families dealing with life-limiting illnesses.

Buy a Brick, the latest phase of the hospice’s Brick by Brick Appeal to build a new home for Glasgow’s Hospice in Bellahouston Park, launched recently. To Buy a Brick and donate £5, text BRICK to 70660 or make a donation online at [www.ppwh.org.uk/donate](http://www.ppwh.org.uk/donate).

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**Notes to Editors:**

**About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice**

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice at Carlton Place, Glasgow, is a charity, founded in 1980.

We provide free person-centred and family-focused palliative care and support. Our specialist staff and wonderful volunteers are trained to work with those individuals and families who are living with significant challenges to their health and wellbeing.

In day care and on the wards, more than 1200 patients and families are cared for every year.

The hospice depends on the generosity of supporters and the community to raise the £3.1million annually in voluntary donations that is required to maintain our invaluable services for the people of Glasgow.

We have outgrown our much-loved hospice building – it no longer meets our requirements or vision for the future of care of patients and their families – and are raising £21m to build a brand new, purpose-built hospice on a leafy green site in the city’s Bellahouston Park. Patients are expected to move in 2018.

Our aim is to bring 21<sup>st</sup>-century hospice care to the people of Glasgow, a major step forward in the provision of palliative care services, providing us with the flexibility to develop and improve our services and lower our age limit to 16-year-old patients.

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