

Newton Community Hospital

St Helens, North West

Using partnerships and initiatives to better serve the local community

Building on the vital role Newton Community Hospital already plays in the St Helens region, Fulcrum has developed a range of **initiatives and partnerships** to further **drive community use** of the facility and make sure it **best serves local residents and patients**.

With the Government and NHS placing a focus on **improving dementia care services** and environments, Newton Community Hospital's 30-bed, 24/7 in-patient ward was a clear priority for Fulcrum. A year-long project to **make Newton a dementia-friendly environment** saw a range of improvements including bold, directional signage to improve patient wayfinding; communal rooms given bright colours to help aid patient recognition; dementia-friendly clocks and calendars placed in rooms to help aid patient orientation and ease confusion; and training for all staff to become 'Dementia Friends'.

By following dementia friendly guidance, the improvements have helped to **reduce the stress on those receiving care** in an unfamiliar environment while also creating a brighter and happier environment for staff.

A partnership has also been formed with **Community Integrated Care (CIC)**, with Fulcrum identifying space within the hospital for the charity to use in its work to **support individuals with learning disabilities, Autism and dementia**. Building on this existing partnership and CIC's role as the official Social Care Partner of the **2021 Rugby League World Cup**, in 2021 Fulcrum and CIC will run a year-round inclusive gardening project at Newton.

From Spring 2021 onwards, staff, volunteers and those in local care will begin building and maintaining a **community garden at the hospital**. The initiative will allow **those in care to build their social and personal development**, and potentially act as a pathway to long-term paid work or volunteering. The community gardens will also provide patients and visitors to Newton Hospital with an inviting new area to use.



Key Facts about Newton Community Hospital:

- Lowe House was created under the **LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust)** initiative which brings together the NHS, the Dept of Health and private sector investors like Fulcrum to work in partnership delivering quality healthcare facilities. The building was delivered through Fulcrum's LIFT Company '**Renova Developments Ltd**'
- **Key facilities include:** a 30-bed ward providing intermediate care; GP practice; a Cardiac rehabilitation gymnasium; and community health services including physio, audiology, and ECG heart monitoring.

Further information:

- For further information about **Newton Community Hospital** on the NHS website [please click here](#)
- Details about the **Community Integrated Care's** work are [available here](#)