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## **Boost for families in St Helens with plans for new children's hub and birthing suite at Lowe House Health Centre**

Families in St Helens are set to benefit from improved community health facilities, with plans moving ahead for a new Children's and Families Community Hub to be delivered at Lowe House Health Centre, including a new midwifery unit, birthing centre and birthing pools.

The plans will see over £700,000 invested in new facilities that will help reduce pressure on local hospitals by offering alternative birthing options for families in the local community, as well a range of other family and children's services all under one roof.

Located in the heart of the community, the three-storey Lowe House building already provides a range of health and social care services under one roof including GP practices, dentistry, pharmacy, and space for council and community services. The key healthcare partners involved in the building are constantly looking at ways that the building can be adapted and evolved to further serve the local population, leading to the development of plans for a new birthing centre and Children's and Families Community Hub.

The investment plans will see existing space within the Lowe House building reconfigured to allow the creation of a new Children's and Families Community Hub with its own dedicated entrance, plus a new midwifery and birthing unit that will include birthing pools and ultrasound facilities. Work is expected to start next year.

Lowe House Health Centre was delivered in 2010 under the NHS LIFT Programme that brings together Renova – an investor in 17 community healthcare facilities in the North West – with Community Health Partnerships, a key part of the NHS family.

**Renova general manager Ian Willett said:** *“Lowe House already plays a vital role for local residents so these investment plans will be a huge boost to families, offering them a new birthing centre, Family Community Hub and children's health services all under one roof in the heart of the community.”*

Renova is owned by Fulcrum, an investor in over 40 community health centres across England. Renova is based in the North West of England, delivering health centres that serve the Merseyside and Cheshire boroughs of St Helens, Knowsley, Halton & Warrington.

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