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## Renova celebrates 20 years of partnering with the NHS to build neighbourhood health centres throughout the North West

- 17 new health centres created in Halewood, Halton, Knowsley, St Helens and Warrington over last 20 years, supporting more than 170,000 local residents across the North West
- Healthcare investor plans a series of events to help mark 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary



Renova is celebrating 20 years of working in partnership with the NHS to deliver quality neighbourhood health buildings throughout the North West. A series of events is being planned throughout this year to help mark the important contribution Renova's buildings have made to NHS healthcare, communities and local residents across the North West.

Renova was established in Warrington in 2004 to work under the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT) – a partnership programme that brings together Community Health Partnerships (a key part of the NHS family) and investment partners to deliver vital community health facilities. Under the NHS LIFT Programme, the last 20 years has seen Renova help to deliver:

### ▪ 17 NHS NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH BUILDINGS ACROSS THE NORTH WEST

Over the last 20 years Renova has invested in and delivered **17 new NHS health facilities** in:

- **HALEWOOD:** The Halewood Centre
- **HALTON:** Beaconsfield Primary Care Centre, Castlefields Health Centre, Widnes Health Resource Centre;
- **KNOWSLEY:** Bluebell Centre, Long View Primary Care Centre, Manor Farm Primary Care Centre, North Huyton Primary Care Centre, St Chads Centre, Tower Hill Primary Care Centre, Whiston Primary Care Resource Centre;
- **ST HELENS:** Lowe House Healthcare Centre, Garswood Primary Care Resource Centre, Newton Community Hospital;
- **WARRINGTON:** Warrington Child Development Centre, Orford Jubilee Park Health Centre, Bath St Health Centre

### ▪ A 'ONE STOP SHOP' OF CRUCIAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT CAN ADAPT TO CHANGING LOCAL NEEDS

- Renova's neighbourhood centres not only offer residents **core Primary Care services** such as GPs, dentists and pharmacies, but the flexible building space can also be adapted to bring a range of **new and specialist health services into the community**, helping to meet the changing health needs of local residents
- In recent years, further investment has delivered new **breast screening facilities, maternity and community birthing suites, dementia care services, and mental health provision** in key health buildings
- Integrating specialist health services in the heart of the community not only helps to **ease the pressure on local hospitals** across the North West, it also offers local residents **joined-up care** in a more convenient location

- **SUPPORTING 170,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS WITH OVER 2.5 MILLION APPOINTMENTS EVERY YEAR**
  - The vital Primary Care facilities provided by Renova’s buildings include **30 GP practices**, serving **over 171,000 local residents** across the North West
  - These GP practices alone provide local residents with an estimated **1.1million appointments per year**
  - Once the broader range of primary health, social care and other specialist services in Renova’s buildings are included, total appointments offered to local residents are estimated to be **over 2.5 million every year**
- **46,000 SQUARE METRES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SPACE, INCLUDING LIBRARIES AND LEISURE CENTRES**
  - Renova’s 17 buildings have helped to create over **46,000 square metres** of high-quality new neighbourhood space in total, ranging from two-storey GP practices to five-storey multi-use health centres
  - Many centres not only offer vital health and social care services but also wider facilities for local residents including community space, libraries, leisure centres and Council offices
  - All of Renova’s modern health centres were built to ‘BREAAAM Excellent’ sustainability standards, delivering green and energy efficient new buildings in the local area and the wider NHS estate to help support net zero goals
- **SUPPORTING MANY LOCAL CHARITIES, SPORTS TEAMS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**
  - Along with vital health facilities, Renova has developed a number of partnerships with local charities, community groups and sports teams, helping to reach out to local residents to further support their health and wellbeing
  - These include the award-winning [‘Beat the Scrum’ health partnership](#) with Widnes Vikings rugby team; a [gardening project](#) with social care charity Community Integrated Care at Newton Community Hospital; and a series of free arts programmes for [new mums](#) across Knowsley.
  - In 2021, Renova was given a [Social Value Award](#) in recognition of the important contribution its health initiatives made to communities in the North West
- **PARTNERSHIP WORKING HELPING TO DELIVER VALUE FOR MONEY FOR THE NHS**
  - Under the NHS LIFT partnership model, the delivery of Renova’s 17 health buildings in the North West helped to ensure ‘value for money’ for the NHS – crucial at a time of wider financial pressures for the health sector
  - By bringing together the health expertise of NHS professionals with the design and finance expertise of Renova, these key health buildings were delivered with a 25% reduction in construction costs and a 20% reduction in rental costs for the NHS
  - Renova’s health buildings also include ‘full service rents’ where vital services such as maintenance and ‘lifecycle’ repair and replacement of equipment is built in from the very beginning – this ensures that local residents and NHS staff alike continue to benefit from well-maintained, high-quality health spaces over many years

Renova is based in Warrington and is owned by healthcare investor Fulcrum. Throughout 2024 both Fulcrum and Renova are planning a range of visits and events that will bring together NHS staff, healthcare partners, and community groups to help celebrate the important role these buildings have played in supporting community health across the North West over the last 20 years.

**Fulcrum CEO and Renova board member Sarah Beaumont-Smith said:**

*“As a key partner to the NHS, Renova has played a vital role in supporting community health in the North West over the last 20 years, delivering high quality neighbourhood health buildings for hundreds of thousands of local residents. From doctors and dentists to maternity and mental health, these buildings have helped give local residents a one-stop-shop of crucial health services in the heart of the community.*”

*“Renova’s anniversary is not just about marking the huge achievements of the last 20 years but also looking ahead to the future of these important health facilities – at such a critical time for the NHS, Renova’s buildings have never been needed more so we look forward to working with our community and industry partners to secure the future of the NHS LIFT Programme and these vital neighbourhood health facilities.”*

**Julie Gallagher, an Associate Director at NHS Cheshire and Merseyside, and Renova board member, said:**

*“For the past 20 years Renova have been a key partner to the NHS, enabling our services to be delivered from high-quality healthcare premises. By bringing many multi-disciplinary services under one roof, our NHS professionals can work together to support community health in an integrated way, and Renova’s work to adapt how we use the buildings over time ensures we get the maximum value from this valuable resource.*

*“Renova’s support for the NHS is not only in the buildings they provide, but also the wider community health schemes that they support. I have no doubt that Renova will continue to be a great partner to the NHS, supporting with our estates’ needs, maximising the best use of our health facilities, and supporting many more community projects. I look forward to the next 20 years!”*

**Humphrey Claxton, independent chair of the Renova board, said:**

*“The partnership between investors and the local NHS has helped to produce a range of health buildings that not only deliver essential Primary Care but which also enable other key services to move out of hospital settings into the communities we serve. Private sector skills have combined with local NHS understanding of community needs to deliver affordable buildings on-time and within budget, and the focus on maintenance has resulted in buildings that continue to be as good as new. For 20 years, Renova’s partnership with the NHS has delivered high quality health buildings with no delays, no cost overruns, and no backlog maintenance – it is a record well worth celebrating.”*

**Dave Sweeney, Chair of Liverpool & Sefton Health Partnership said:**

*“As a Senior Manager within the health service, I had the pleasure of working alongside Renova and witnessed at first-hand their real drive to improve community health and cohesion.*

*“Their work to turn an existing health centre in Widnes into a fully functioning Urgent Care Centre is a great example of this, with Renova helping to create an exemplary new facility that continues to thrive today and which continues to offer the community a true alternative to A&E.*

*“Renova without doubt put the community first, not only through the vital buildings they have delivered but also through a real understanding of the social value that can be created by wider health initiatives and partnerships. Huge thanks and many congratulations to Renova as it celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”*

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