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Newton Community Hospital delivers over £110million of Wellbeing value to NHS patients, local residents and staff

- New analysis forms part of 20th anniversary of health investor Renova partnering with the NHS to deliver neighbourhood health centres throughout the North West



As health investor [Renova celebrates 20 years](#) of working in partnership with the NHS to deliver quality neighbourhood health buildings throughout the North West, new analysis has outlined the huge social value being delivered by one of its key health centres – Newton Community Hospital in St Helens.

Newton Community Hospital was built by Renova in 2008 and has grown to become a vital part of the local community, with the modern two-storey building offering a range of health and social care services all under one roof. Key facilities include community health services such as a GP practice, physiotherapy, X-ray, ultrasound and ECG provision, alongside a 30-bed inpatient ward that provides vital ‘step down’ capacity for the NHS, allowing patients to leave hospital and be given intermediate care in a community setting before returning home.

Newton Community Hospital is one of 17 health centres delivered by Renova since it was established in 2004 under the NHS LIFT Partnership to invest in and deliver vital community health facilities. As Renova marks its 20th anniversary this year, Renova and its parent company Fulcrum commissioned some [detailed independent analysis](#) to fully understand the benefits and impacts being delivered by key health centres. In-depth analysis of Newton Community Hospital over the last 12 months found that it had delivered:

OVER £110MILLION OF WELLBEING VALUE FOR PATIENTS, LOCAL RESIDENTS, AND STAFF

- Using survey data, on the ground research and a Wellbeing Impact Assessment Methodology, the range of health services at Newton Community Hospital were assessed for their performance in relation to wellbeing for patients, residents, and staff
- Across a wide range of groups including inpatients, outpatients, hospital staff and other local residents, the analysis found that Newton Community Hospital had delivered a **cumulative wellbeing impact of £110,700,011 over 12 months** (see pages 12-14 [here](#) for a detailed breakdown of the analysis)
- The analysis concludes that the figures offer “*substantive evidence that the investment in the NHS LIFT building in this location has had measurable and meaningful social impact... not least the significant impact felt by residents around the quality of care available to them through being registered with a GP at the Newton Community Hospital*”.



NEARLY £1M IN SOCIAL VALUE CREATED BY INCLUSIVE GARDENING PROJECT IN THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS

- The detailed analysis also assessed the impacts and Social Value created by an inclusive gardening project delivered in the grounds of Newton Community Hospital
- Renova and the NHS formed a partnership with leading social care charity Community Integrated Care to deliver a gardening project that brings together volunteers with learning disabilities and/or autism
- The volunteers meet at Newton Community Hospital on a weekly basis to develop and practise their skills, with guidance from gardening experts – the project has helped to create a new sensory garden in the hospital grounds, offering a relaxing area for hospital patients, staff and local residents to enjoy
- Analysis has shown that the project has **helped to deliver £909,130 in social value** since the initiative was first launched in 2021. In addition, social care providers from Community Integrated Care have praised the positive impacts the project has had on some of the vulnerable adults involved, highlighting the *“increased happiness”, “purpose and passion”, “increased life opportunities”* and *“crucial stepping stone towards paid employment”* that the project offered to volunteers
- Commenting on Renova’s support for the project, John Hughes, Director at Community Integrated Care, said: *“Renova’s commitment to social impact is inspirational. Through their support of our charity, we have been able to develop this unique, life-changing project. The opportunities it will offer to the people we support, through providing vocational and learning opportunities, are exceptional.”*

The detailed analysis of Newton Community Hospital is part of a range of reports, events and activities Renova is carrying out in 2024 to help mark its 20th anniversary, offering chance to bring together NHS staff, healthcare partners, and community groups to celebrate the important role these buildings have played in supporting community health across the North West over the last two decades.

Renova General Manager Amy Lawrence 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 quality, modern health buildings for hundreds of thousands of local residents.

“As the NHS takes vital steps towards more community-based care, the huge benefits to health, wellbeing and Social Value delivered by Newton Community Hospital underlines the strength of investing in neighbourhood health centres.

“At such a critical time for the NHS, Renova’s buildings have never been needed more so we look forward to working with our NHS and industry partners to secure the future of the NHS LIFT Programme and these vital community health facilities.”

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