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Memorial stone unveiled at Newton Community Hospital to mark 5th anniversary of the Covid pandemic



Staff from Fulcrum company Renova were honoured to join an event at Newton Community Hospital in St Helens on the 5th anniversary of the Covid-19 pandemic – the event saw a new memorial stone and bench unveiled in memory of all those lost to and affected by the pandemic, and in recognition of the huge efforts made by NHS staff, key workers, volunteers and the local community.

The memorial stone and bench have been placed in the public garden area at the front of Newton Community Hospital, allowing all staff, patients and local residents to sit and pay tribute to those affected by the pandemic, or as a quiet place for reflection.

The memorial stone and bench were donated by the Newton Hospital Welfare Association and were unveiled by Doris Hickey – a Medical Secretary with 63 years of dedicated service to the NHS and Newton Community Hospital. Renova staff attended the unveiling event alongside the Mayor of St Helens Cllr Jeanette Banks; a children's choir from Wargrave C of E Primary School who sang at the event; and representatives from Community Health Partnerships, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and the local community.

Newton Community Hospital was built in 2008 by health investor Renova together with Community Health Partnerships (a key part of the NHS family) and has grown to become a vital part of the local community, offering a range of health and social care services all under one roof.

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