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Work completed on £1.75m project to create 30% more bed space and new facilities at Newton Community Hospital

- Increase in number of inpatient beds and new facilities to help support NHS shift towards more community-based care



A £1.75m project to create additional bed space and new facilities at Newton Community Hospital in St Helens has now been completed, offering a huge boost to local residents and also supporting [Government and NHS plans to shift](#) more care out of hospitals and into the community.

Newton Community Hospital was built in 2008 by health investor Renova and Community Health Partnerships (a key part of the NHS family) under the NHS LIFT partnership. The building has grown to become a vital part of the local community, offering a range of health and social care services all under one roof including a GP practice, physiotherapy, X-ray, ultrasound and cardiology. Newton also has an 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.

Building on Newton's vital role in supporting the community and local health priorities, £1.75m of capital funding was secured allowing CHP, Renova, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Mersey Care NHS Trust to deliver a series of new and improved facilities including:

- Creating additional space for **ten new inpatient beds** and 1 specialist bariatric bedroom, taking the number of beds at Newton up to **40 in total** – the **33% increase** in additional bed space will help to **boost NHS efforts to move more care into the community**.
- Turning under-utilised meeting space into a **new gym and physiotherapy suite**; creating **additional clinical room capacity** to allow increased health service provision; and **sustainability improvements** including the change of light fittings to LEDs to help **reduce the building's energy output**
- The works were carefully planned so that the improvements could be delivered while the wider hospital building **remained open and fully functional to NHS staff and local patients**

Renova Head of Strategy and Projects Ian Butterworth said: *"The NHS LIFT estate can play a crucial role in supporting the shift from hospital to community-care, so the delivery of additional bed space at Newton Community Hospital will offer a huge boost for local residents and the NHS. The completion of these works underlines the strength of the public and private sectors working together to deliver new and improved neighbourhood health facilities."*

Jeanette Leach, CHP Regional Director – North West, commented: *“Newton Community Hospital is a fantastic example of how we can use our buildings to deliver on the government’s key missions and the 10 year health plan for the NHS. The extra beds will increase both capacity and productivity within the area delivering care closer to home for those who need it most. We have worked closely with our partners on this project to improve outcomes at the heart of the neighbourhood.”*

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. Last year, detailed analysis commissioned by Renova showed that Newton Community Hospital delivers over £110million of Wellbeing value to NHS patients, local residents and staff – [read more here](#).

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