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## Community hospital scoops prestigious award

Leading Hampshire-based consulting engineers Upton McGougan are celebrating after a £20 million state-of-the-art hospital in Devon scooped a prestigious building award.

Newton Abbot Community Hospital has won 'Best Healthcare Building' as part of the Local Authority Building Control [LABC] south west Building Excellence Awards at a recent ceremony held in Torquay, Devon.

Working on behalf of its client Rydon Construction, Upton McGougan – which specialises in structural, civil, traffic and transportation engineering design – has contributed towards this achievement having undertaken all aspects of engineering, infrastructure development and design.

Upton McGougan is no stranger to Rydon Construction having worked with the team previously on numerous healthcare, education and social housing projects.

LABC runs local, regional and national awards which recognise excellent construction through the use of building standards, technical innovation and sustainable design.

As a result of this success, the scheme will now be shortlisted for the National LABC Awards being held in October.

Peter Blewett, for Upton McGougan, said: "We are delighted to have been part of the development of this modern new hospital which replaces the existing 110-year old Victorian and Edwardian hospital.

"The hospital opened its doors to patients in January and it boasts state-of-the-art design and healthcare facilities. It will provide people living in Newton Abbot and the surrounding area with the first maternity unit in the town for a generation as well as improved services for children.

"This remarkable building has not only been recognised by the LABC for its contribution to construction but for the much-needed facilities it will provide for the local community – it is extremely rewarding to have been part of this achievement."

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Designed by London-based architects Murphy Philipps, the community hospital forms part of the Integrated Care Network (ICN) developed between the Devon Primary Care Trust and the local Acute Trust.

Just some of the other facilities the hospital boasts include 60 stroke, re-enablement and intermediate care beds, a minor injuries unit, imaging and outpatient facilities and a re-enablement suite.

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