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## Bench presentation at the Evington Centre

A grateful relative has donated a garden bench to the Evington Centre in memory of his wife, who was cared for by the centre before she died.

Martin Evans's wife, Susan, died at the Evington Centre in November 2015. The centre is on the site of the Leicester General Hospital, but is run by Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. Staff care for people recovering from serious illnesses and provide end of life care.

Mr Evans returned with the bench which will be used by patients, relatives and staff in one of the gardens attached to the centre's two medical wards. Staff care for people recovering from serious illnesses and provide end of life care.

Mr Evans, 64, of Thurnby Lodge, Leicester, said: "I was so pleased with the care my wife had in her last days. She was cared for very much.

"My wife was quite a remarkable person. She was one in a million. She thought more of other people than herself, and she always had a ready smile."

He arranged for family friend Father Simon Matthews to bless the bench. Father Matthews said: "To bless in this context of a hospital is something I have not done before. It's a great thing to bless people, objects, events, it's a great opportunity to share God's love."

He said he knew Mrs Evans from when he worked at All Saints' Church, Scraptoft.

“She was a very valued member of the community, and is missed.”

Sarah Clements, inpatient matron, said: “We are very pleased Mr Evans has recognised the excellent care his wife had in this way. Donations from relatives and former patients enable us to improve the environment or help fund equipment and activities above and beyond core NHS provision.”

To hear more from Mr Evans and see the presentation, watch this short video: [https://youtu.be/1oa-mARyu\\_g](https://youtu.be/1oa-mARyu_g) .

Donations can be made via the trust's charity Raising Health. For details, see: <http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/ InvolvingYou-RaisingHealthLPTscharity.aspx> .

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#### **Note to editors**

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT) provides a range of health and wellbeing services mainly for people living Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. The Trust serves a population of one million, has a budget in excess of £267 million and employs approximately 5,400 staff. For more information visit [www.leicspart.nhs.uk](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk).

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