

SURGERY: Brum honours pioneering medics who ease young people's pain



■ WELL DONE... Jane McMinn (left), Derek McMinn, Sandra Brew, Coun Randal Brew, Ronan Treacy and Christine Sumner, surgical assistant.. *Picture: Emma Lee*

Hip hip hooray!

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LEADING surgeons who put Birmingham on the map for pioneering hip operations for young people have been honoured by the city.

Consultant orthopaedic surgeons Derek McMinn and Ronan Treacy were invited to tea with Coun Randal Brew in his final days as Lord Mayor

of Birmingham in recognition of their achievements.

The pair are credited with helping revolutionise hip resurfacing treatment for youngsters with arthritis, allowing patients to avoid major operations to replace their whole hip.

They even named one of their world-renowned treatments after the city – Birmingham Hip Resurfacing.

Mr McMinn works between the McMinn Centre, in Edgbaston, and for the National Health Service at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital in

Bristol Road South, Northfield.

He was a finalist in the National Hospital Doctor Awards three years ago for his innovations.

Pam Charles, a friend and practice manager at the McMinn Centre, said: “Mr McMinn and Mr Treacy developed the Birmingham Hip Resurfacing device focusing on the treatment of younger more active patients with degenerative hip disease.

“Prior to its inception, these conditions would have been treated with a conventional total hip replacement,

resulting in the patient's activity level being restricted as a consequence.

“They initially faced a great deal of criticism from their peer group, but their perseverance and dedication to the successful treatment of younger patients has brought huge recognition and respect.”

As part of his humanitarian work, Mr McMinn led a team from Birmingham to work on the charity project, Operation Walk, based in Vietnam.