Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Trust Board Capital Business Case Briefing Paper	
Reference Number:	TB158/11/F
Date of Meeting:	27th June 2024
Presenting Director:	Diane Spence, Director of Community Care.
Subject:	Purchase of Home Lifts for use in service users homes
Purpose/Action Required:	Review and approve allocation of capital funding of £688,000 to meet demand for household lifts.
Background:	The Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT) has a duty to provide home lifts to service users in privately owned/rented properties. Provision includes stair lifts, both straight and curved, platform lifts for external access, through floor lifts and overhead tracking hoists. Home lifts are provided to enable service users to access first floor/upstairs facilities in the home, in circumstances where suitable arrangements cannot be made on ground floor level. The Trust also provides overhead tracking hoists to help facilitate carer's management of complex disability where manual handling risks are identified. Access to/from and within the home is an essential component of enabling older and disabled people to remain and be cared for in their own home.
Benefits:	Attainment of Department of Health target of 16 weeks from point of identification of need to home lift and/or overhead hoist being provided. Enhanced service users experience and potential impact on overall health and well-being. Carer's ability to manage and care for service user in their own home.
Total Capital Costs:	£688,000.
Affordability:	Capital cost of £688,000 will be funded from the Trust's General Capital Allocation 2024/25.

Risks:	1) Inability to procure lifts in a timely way to comply with statutory responsibility and departmental targets: Probability of this risk occurring is Low, mitigated by ensuring there is close engagement with the supplier. 2) Activity may exceed budget: Probability of this risk occurring is Low mitigated by ensuring there is a close working relationship with the Estates department.
Conclusion:	The purchase of Home Lifts facilitates the attainment of Statutory responsibility and departmental targets. It promotes independence and quality of life for service users. It allows carers to be supported to manage service user in an appropriate environment with access to all necessary equipment.