

Northern Health and Social Care Trust Board Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Purchase of Home Lifts for use in service users homes	Date of Meeting:		
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Purpose				
The purpose of this report is to review and approve allocation of capital funding of £688,000 to meet demand for household lifts			Approval	X
			Assurance	
			Update	
			Noting	
Strategic Objectives				
Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care	Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience	Deliver value by optimising Resources	Nurture our People, Enable our Talent & Build Our Teams	Improve population Health & address health & social care inequalities
X	X			
Risk – please note if links to any principal, corporate or divisional risk				
	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.			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Acronyms				
Executive Summary				
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.				

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Benefits

The benefits of the project are identified within the business case, including:

- 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.

Affordability

Capital cost of £688,000 will be funded from the Trust's General Capital Allocation 2025/26. It is understood funding will be issued throughout the year in line with Capital Allocation Process.

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.