

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

Subject:	Installation and replacement of lifts in service users' homes 2026/27	Date of Meeting: 27 th August 2026		
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Purpose				
To seek approval from Trust Board for the provision of home lifts to service users in privately owned/rented properties.			Approval	✓
			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
✓	✓	✓		✓
Acronyms				
N/A				
Executive Summary				
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. This business case relates to the provision of household lifting equipment through the Occupational Therapy Service, managed within the AHP, Intermediate Care and Integrated Discharge Division. The service plays a key role in enabling people with disabilities, long-term conditions, progressive neurological disorders, age-related frailty and complex mobility needs to remain safe, independent and socially connected within their own homes and communities. NHSCT has a responsibility to provide and maintain a range of household lifting solutions for eligible service users living in privately owned and rented properties. These include stairlifts, both straight and curved, platform lifts for external access, through-floor lifts and overhead tracking hoists. For many service users, these adaptations are not simply aids to daily living but essential equipment that enables access to bedrooms, bathrooms, entrances and other key areas of the home. Without such equipment, many individuals would be unable to carry out basic activities of daily living safely and live independently. 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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For the financial year 2026/27, the Trust has a requirement to install 80 new lifts at an estimated cost of £604k based on the average cost of a lift over the past 4 years (£7,538).

In addition to this, total waiting list demand carried forward to 2026/27 was 2 lifts to the estimated value of £28k.

Therefore, based on volumes and associated expenditure during 2025/26, there is a need to seek total capital allocation of £631k to meet the demand for 82 lifts.

To seek approval from Trust Board for the provision of household lifts, to the value of £631K to meet the demand for 82 lifts for 2026/27.