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PM praises ‘major benefits’ of NHS LIFT Programme as part of twentieth anniversary celebrations

The Prime Minister hails the work of the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) programme in modernising primary and community care estates

The Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, has praised the achievements of the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) Programme as it celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

Established in 2001, the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT) programme has helped the private and public sectors work in partnership to deliver quality Primary healthcare and community facilities throughout England. LIFT buildings are delivered by LIFT Companies (LIFTCOs) where private investors work in partnership with Community Healthcare Partnerships - the Government-owned company that holds a 40% stake in the growth and upkeep of these important NHS assets.

As the LIFT programme celebrates its twentieth anniversary The LIFT Council (the representative body for LIFT companies (LIFTCOs) in England) launched its #NHSLIFT20 campaign earlier this month to celebrate this milestone.

Writing to LIFT Council members following the announcement of the #NHSLIFT20 last week, the **Prime Minister said:**

‘I appreciate all the major benefits the NHS LIFT initiative and LIFT companies involved have brought to improving and modernising local primary and community health facilities in the NHS. Congratulations to all working on the NHS LIFT Programme on reaching this significant milestone.’

Responding to the Prime Minister’s praise of the NHS LIFT programme, **The LIFT Council Chair Sarah Beaumont-Smith** said:

“We are hugely grateful for the Prime Minister’s support for the NHS LIFT Programme and the welcome recognition of how much has been achieved by the public and private sectors working together to deliver quality community health facilities. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, the Prime Minister’s words give us huge momentum as LIFT buildings continue to play a vital role in the current and future healthcare challenges we face.”

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Notes to editors

Please share the enclosed graphic on social media using #NHSLIFT20. For more information, please email theliftcouncil@connectpa.co.uk or ring 07859 926324.

About The LIFT Council and NHS LIFT

The LIFT Council is the representative body for third party providers within the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) community investing in health and social care facilities across England.

LIFT facilities are refurbished or built and maintained by a local LIFT company (LIFTCo) – a joint venture between the public and private sectors, which has the responsibility for leasing facilities back to the NHS England and maintaining the premises over the long-term.

The public sector holds a 40% share through the Government-owned company, Community Health Partnerships (CHP).