

FULCRUM NEWS

Prime Minister joins Fulcrum and the health industry in celebrating 20th anniversary of NHS LIFT Programme

Fulcrum was delighted to join health industry colleagues – and Prime Minister Boris Johnson - this summer in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (NHS LIFT) programme.

Established in 2001, the NHS LIFT Programme has helped the private and public sectors work in partnership to deliver quality Primary healthcare and community facilities throughout England, with 350 new healthcare buildings delivered in some of the most deprived communities across England – this includes more than 40 healthcare centres Fulcrum has delivered across London and the North West of England, offering a ‘one-stop-shop’ of health and social care in the heart of the community.

In June, **Prime Minister Boris Johnson** welcomed the NHS LIFT 20th anniversary, saying that *“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.”*



The Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP, has praised the NHS LIFT Programme as part of #NHSLIFT20 celebrations:

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Speaking as part of the 20th anniversary events, **Fulcrum CEO and Chair of The LIFT Council Sarah Beaumont-Smith said:** *“For 20 years the LIFT programme has shown the huge value of the public and private sectors working together to support the NHS and deliver quality community healthcare. The 20th anniversary is chance to celebrate how much the NHS LIFT Programme has achieved so far but, more importantly, to look ahead at the vital role LIFT buildings can continue to play in the healthcare challenges we face.”*

Read more about the 20th anniversary of the NHS LIFT Programme [here](#) and watch a special ‘Faces of LIFT’ video [here](#) where a range of key people reflect on LIFT’s achievements.

Tessa Jowell Health Centre celebrates 1st birthday



As the newest healthcare centre to be delivered under the NHS LIFT Programme, the Tessa Jowell Health Centre in south London has had a busy summer. In May, the building celebrated its first birthday after a busy year of supporting the health needs of the local community including COVID-19 vaccinations, mental health provision, a renal dialysis unit, and maternity and children’s community services.

Commenting on the building’s first birthday, the late Dame Tessa Jowell’s daughter Jess Mills said *“Mum was endlessly passionate about helping her constituents - it’s the perfect tribute to see this new health centre already making such a huge contribution to local people”.*

The celebrations continued in September with news that the building has been shortlisted as ‘Healthcare Project of the Year’ at the Partnership Awards – welcome recognition of the many public and private sector organisations that worked together to deliver the project. You can watch a short video about Tessa Jowell Health Centre [here](#).

Fulcrum partners with sports clubs and charities to continue supporting community health



To build on the important role that Fulcrum's healthcare centres play in the local community, a range of new partnerships and initiatives have been set up to engage with local residents and continue supporting community health priorities.

In the North West, Fulcrum and Community Health Partnerships have teamed up with national social care charity Community Integrated Care to deliver a unique inclusive gardening project, including creating a Rugby League World Cup-inspired garden at Newton Community Hospital in St Helens. You can [watch a video here](#) to see this amazing project taking shape.

In west London, Fulcrum has renewed an ongoing partnership with QPR Football Club that will see QPR Community Trust deliver 'Cook and Eat' after-school sessions for a third year, allowing students to benefit from learning new cooking skills, healthy eating advice and improved health and wellbeing. Read more [here](#).

Meanwhile in south London, Fulcrum's Nelson Health Centre and AFC Wimbledon Foundation will 'Club Together For Community Health' by delivering a range of physical and mental health and well-being activities for local families and residents. The first activities are due to get underway in the coming weeks – read further details [here](#).



Elliot Colburn MP visits Green Wrythe Lane Health Centre as building celebrates 15th anniversary

Another healthcare centre celebrating an anniversary is Green Wrythe Lane in Carshalton, south London - the building first opened in the summer of 2006 and has just celebrated 15 years of providing vital health and social care services to local residents and the NHS.

To help mark the anniversary, Carshalton and Wallington MP Elliot Colburn visited the health centre to meet staff and see some of the key services it offers to the local community, including a GP and Dental Surgery, Children's Health Services, Midwifery and Family Planning services, Phlebotomy, and a Care Home Support Team.

Elliot Colburn MP said: "It was great to be invited to take part in these 15th anniversary celebrations at Green Wrythe Lane! I want to thank and pay tribute to the incredible team for the work that they do, and I look forward to celebrating all the future successes that Green Wrythe Lane will no doubt have!"

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