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Fulcrum announces new leadership role to help “embrace the huge opportunities for partnership working in the health sector”

- **Sarah Beaumont-Smith to take on wider role to promote investment models in health infrastructure**



Health investor Fulcrum Infrastructure Group (FIG) has announced that Sarah Beaumont-Smith will be taking on a wider new leadership role that will include continuing to actively support discussions on the future of the NHS LIFT model, and to also help drive forwards public-private-partnership models and new investment opportunities in UK health infrastructure. The new leadership role reflects the growing political and industry consensus on the need for private investment to support the UK’s existing and future social infrastructure needs.

Over the last two decades, Fulcrum has delivered 40 community health centres across England under the NHS LIFT model which brings together private investors with Community Health Partnerships, a key part of the NHS family. Fulcrum’s parent company – the global investor Meridiam – is also actively involved in UK social infrastructure, including working in partnership with the Welsh Government under the [Mutual Investment Model](#) (MIM) to deliver [a series of new schools and colleges](#), alongside investing in and delivering many other UK infrastructure projects.

Building on Fulcrum and Meridiam’s strengths and experience in delivering UK infrastructure, and picking up on wider industry and political discussions around future health infrastructure policy, Fulcrum has announced that Sarah Beaumont-Smith will move from CEO to take on a new, broader role of **UK Strategy Director – FIG**. The role will include:

- **A central role in discussions around the future of the NHS LIFT model and community health facilities** – as part of her new role, Sarah will join the Fulcrum Board and will continue to play a central role in discussions around the future of the NHS LIFT model and these vital community health facilities. As part of this, Sarah will continue as [Chair of The LIFT Council](#) – the membership group for organisations involved in NHS LIFT;
- **Promoting partnership investment opportunities in health infrastructure** - Using her experience of NHS LIFT and other investment models over the last 15 years, Sarah will lead Fulcrum’s work in discussing and promoting opportunities to use public-private-partnership models in the health sector, helping to drive much-needed investment in new health capacity and facilities;
- **Leading discussions on using the Mutual Investment Model (MIM) in healthcare** – using Meridiam’s extensive experience of the Mutual Investment Model, Sarah will lead discussions on opportunities to use MIM to deliver vital new health infrastructure in England – something that the NHS Confederation and other industry leaders [have openly called for](#) in recent weeks.

Sarah Beaumont-Smith said: *“I am passionate about the role the private sector can play in delivering vital new social infrastructure across the UK, so I am excited to take on this new challenge and to embrace the huge opportunities for partnership working in the health sector. Existing models like NHS LIFT have a 20-year track record of delivering for the NHS, and new models like MIM are being used to huge success in Wales, so there has never been a better time to look at partnership working to drive investment in much-needed new health infrastructure.”*

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