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Fulcrum's Sarah Beaumont-Smith named 'Leading Woman in Infrastructure' at industry awards



Fulcrum Infrastructure Group's UK Strategy Director Sarah Beaumont-Smith was last night named the 'Leading Woman in Infrastructure' at this year's [Partnership Awards](#) – a leading industry event that brings together a wide range of public and private sector partners working in UK infrastructure.

In naming Sarah the 'Leading Woman in Infrastructure', awards organisers [Partnerships Bulletin](#) not only recognised Sarah's role in delivering a range of vital social infrastructure across the UK, but also her tireless work to create opportunities for other women to enter, thrive, and lead in the industry. Partnerships Bulletin said *"The judges singled out Sarah's achievements within her relatively young career to date as hugely impressive"*.

Over the last 15 years, Sarah has delivered a tangible legacy of infrastructure across the UK - from new schools, health centres and hospitals, through to property schemes, major highways and sustainable transport networks. This includes her role overseeing Fulcrum's delivery of 40 community health centres under the NHS LIFT partnership model. Sarah has also used her leadership role to drive lasting change in the infrastructure sector, including tackling gender barriers to encourage a more diverse industry.

The award follows news that Sarah is taking on a [wider new leadership role](#) at Fulcrum to help embrace the huge opportunities for partnership working in the health sector. As UK Strategy Director, Sarah role includes:

- **A central role in discussions around the future of the NHS LIFT model** – as part of her new role, Sarah 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.

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