



Information sheet

Closure of the ILF

Following careful consideration of the Court of Appeal's ruling, the Minister for Disabled People announced on 6 March 2014 that the Government has decided that the ILF will close on 30 June 2015.

Does this mean the ILF is closing?

Yes. It means the ILF will close in June 2015 and your support needs will be passed to your local authority.

Why has the decision changed?

The Government has decided to close the ILF to ensure all social care support is delivered through the mainstream system, rather than two separate systems. The decision also takes into account the significant developments in adult social care over the last 20 years.

I have already had a review visit, will I have another one?

No. If you have already received a support plan from us you should already have all the information you need to prepare you for the transfer to your local authority.

If you received a support plan that did not include information about your transfer to your local authority, we will contact you to give you the opportunity to provide this transfer information. We will then send you a new support plan.

I haven't had a visit yet, will I still get one?

Yes. If you have not had a visit since 2 April 2013, you will need a review visit before the ILF closes in June 2015. Our assessor will be in touch with you when your review is due. At the visit we will want to talk to you about your current care package and to prepare you for the transfer of your support to your local authority.

What happens if my care needs have changed since my review visit?

If your care needs have changed since we last visited you, please get in touch with your case worker in the normal way and they will decide if you need another visit.

I'm a group 1 user. Are you still going to share my data with my local authority?

Because of the decision to stop the transfer review programme, all data given to the local authority was destroyed. We will be writing to all group 1 users in the next few weeks to ask them again for their consent to pass information onto their local authority.

Why do my local authority get a copy of my support plan?

Your support plan is a snapshot of your support at a moment in time and is a useful record for local authorities. If you have concerns you should contact your local authority direct.

I haven't kept my support plan as I thought the ILF was staying open

Before the ILF closes in June 2015, we will send every user a copy of their current support plan.

Can I have an increase in my care costs before you close?

We are able to look at increases to employer costs only. Please refer to your user guide or our booklet called your responsibilities for more information.

Can I now apply for a flexible payment?

Yes we are able to offer flexible payments. If you would like to use your ILF funding in a different way which would assist you in the transfer to your local authority, please talk to your ILF caseworker.

What should I do about ILF money that I do not spend?

You may keep up to one week's worth of your normal ILF award as a contingency. You may also need to keep money aside to pay for employer costs such as national insurance contributions for your PA. Any money left over must be returned to us.

When will my ILF payments stop?

As long as you continue to meet our eligibility requirements, we will continue to support you until the ILF closes in June 2015.

My local authority did not attend my review, does this mean I'll need another one?

No. Although we encourage local authorities to attend reviews where we have the user's consent, it is not necessary that they are there. We still send them a copy of the support plan and we will make sure that they have all the information they need before we close.

Can I receive information from the ILF in different formats?

Yes. We can produce most of our information and literature in braille, large print, by CD and in alternative languages. Just let your ILF caseworker know how you would like to receive information from us and we will do our best to meet your request. In addition, if you would like to receive general information from us by email, please ring your caseworker and let them know your email address.



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