



**Independent
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Dear <NAME OF USER>

We wrote to you on 22 November 2013 to let you know that the Court of Appeal had overturned the Government's decision of 18 December 2012 to close the Independent Living Fund (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, to ensure that all social care support is delivered through the mainstream system, rather than two separate systems. The decision takes account of the significant developments in adult social care over the last twenty years. The funding and responsibility for your ILF care and support needs will therefore be transferred to local authorities in England and the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland from 1 July 2015.

We appreciate that you may be concerned about the future but we would like to reassure you that this decision has no immediate impact on your award. Providing you still meet our conditions you will continue to get your award as you do now until the ILF closes on 30 June 2015.

We have included an information sheet with this letter, which we hope answers any questions that you may have. We are also available to help support you with any concerns or questions you may have about the Government's decision. You can contact your caseworker by telephone on 0115 945 0700 or 0845 601 8815. If you prefer to use email, please contact us on customerservices@ilf.org.uk

If you have any questions about your ILF award, please contact your caseworker in the normal way.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

James Sanderson
Chief Executive