



The future of the Independent Living Fund

Tell us what you think

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What this booklet is about

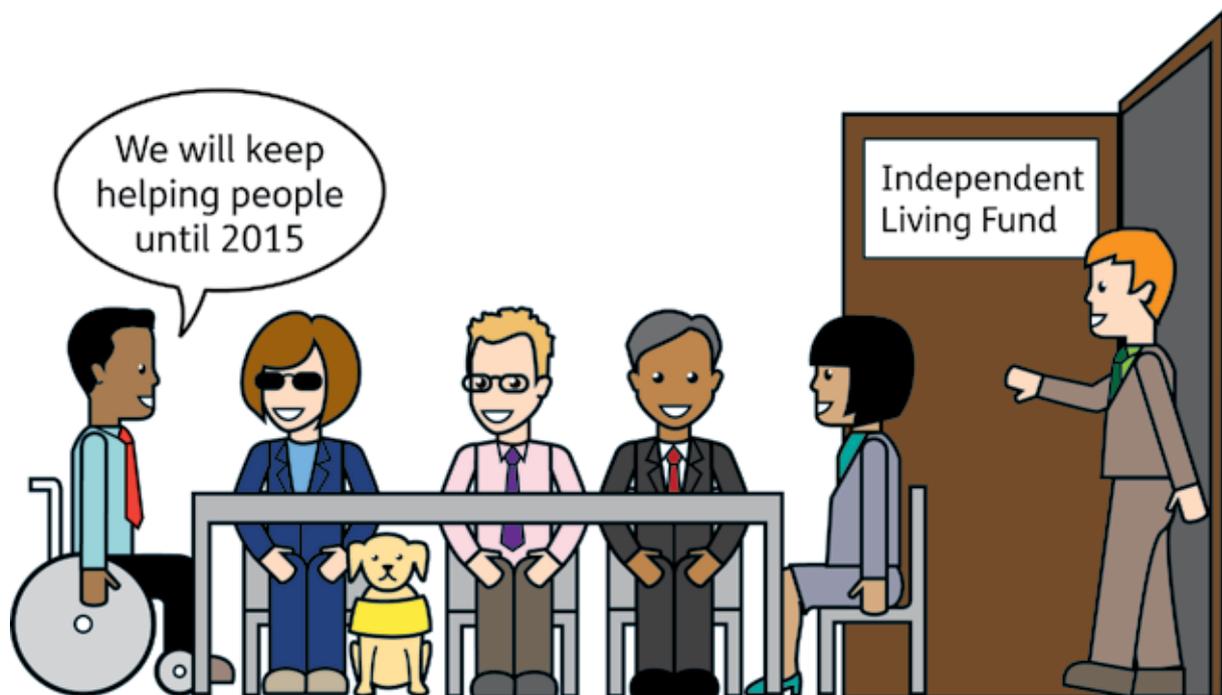
The government knows that disabled people think that the **Independent Living Fund** is very important.

Independent Living Fund

This is money for disabled people who need extra help to keep living at home.

But disabled people cannot join the **Independent Living Fund** any more.

The government will keep helping disabled people who use the **Independent Living Fund** at the moment, until 2015.



About the Independent Living Fund

The **Independent Living Fund** was set up in 1988. It helped to give disabled people choice and control over the care they get.

The government would like to close the **Independent Living Fund** in 2015. This is because the government wants local councils to look after **care and support** in their local areas.

Care and support

Care and support are the services and other things that help people live full, independent, active and healthy lives.



The government thinks that giving people care only through **personal budgets** will be better for people than using the **Independent Living Fund** as well.

Personal budget

This tells a disabled person how much money they can spend on their **care and support** services. It also shows how the personal budget was worked out.



Local councils would still need to work out the **care and support** needs of those people who use the **Independent Living Fund** at the moment.

Before the **Independent Living Fund** passed details of its customers to the local councils, they would look at everyone's details together to see what the people's **care and support** needs are.

The future of the Independent Living Fund **Tell us what you think**

The government knows that disabled people may think that life would be difficult if the **Independent Living Fund** closed down. But the government would try to make sure that this is done in such a way that people would have no need to worry.

The government will give local councils extra money to help meet the needs of people who use the **Independent Living Fund**.

We need to find out how the **Independent Living Fund** affects people's lives.

We also need to find out which parts of the **Independent Living Fund** make the most difference.



Replying to the questions

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