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1.0 Background

ILF users often attend either Local Authority (LA) run or private Day Centres. The ILF is often asked to provide funding towards these arrangements and the LA often include day centre provision within the threshold sum.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Local Authority Funded Day Centres

Local Authority Funded day centres that meet a user's support plan can form part of the contribution towards the LA Threshold sum. Occasionally they can be paid for with an ILF award (See 'Use of Funding' policy for details). Transport to and from the day centre can form part of the LA Threshold Sum and sometimes can be funded by the ILF (see 'Use of Funding' policy for details).

2.2 One to One Care

The ILF can consider including the cost of one to one care whilst the user attends a LA day centre providing:

- there is a clear need for the extra care;

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- the care is beyond the scope of the LA day centre to provide;
- the one to one care is not provided by a LA employee (where the request is for the ILF to fund a LA employee the case should be referred to SMP for consideration-see 'Use of Funding' policy for details);
- the particular day centre is the best option for meeting the needs of the individual user even though additional one to one support is required; and
- the user agrees that this is the best option for them.

The ILF cannot fund one to one care where the need is due to the LA directly or indirectly reducing its previous provision.

2.3 Private Day Centres

The ILF can consider funding the cost of a private day centre (and occasionally a LA daycentre-see 'Use of funding' policy for details) where the user has chosen this and it is the best option for meeting their support needs.

The ILF can consider paying towards any escort element a user requires, included within a transport cost and occasionally for transport itself (see 'Use of funding' policy for details).

3.0 Source

ILF 2006 Trust Deed

Trustees meeting March 2013

4.0 Cross References

Use of Funding policy

Changes to LA provision against changes in cost (archived)

5.0 History Date Reviewed

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