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Information request

Please could you tell me what instructions you have or are giving to Local Authorities with regards how they should allocate the devolved ILF funding they receive. Are they free to Ring Fence or Non Ring Fence as they see appropriate?

Also when will each Local Authority know precisely the sum of money they will be receiving and when will they receive that money.

Please could you let me see copies of any communications being sent to Local Authorities in respect of the above?

DWP response

Funding in respect of former-ILF users will be allocated to individual local authorities in England in a way that reflects expenditure patterns at the point of closure. Government policy means that ring-fencing of funds will not be imposed on local authorities. However, all local authorities are free to ring-fence the funds transferred to them in respect of former-ILF users.

Prior to closure, the ILF will provide each local authority in England with a detailed schedule showing the allocated funding at individual level, ensuring that every authority has accurate information about the level of support provided to each user by the ILF. This information will be communicated to individual local authorities by the ILF closer to the date of transfer.