

## CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

### Question 1

What aspects of the current ILF worked well and what elements did not work so well?

Comments As we are an organisation representing the children's sector and ILF is generally a payment to adults we will just make some brief remarks and observations (although some of them may be parents/carers). We welcome the continuation of funding to support independent living. Living more independently is a key issue for disabled young people in Scotland.

### Question 2

Should the money that becomes available after existing ILF recipients no longer need it be used in the same way for others in the future? If so, why? If not, how else might the money be used?

Comments

Option 4 which proposes a system of co-production with disabled people and carers to allocate funding seems attractive – although as pointed out does not mainstream social care in the same way other options might.

### Question 3

If the available resource is simply that which is transferred from the Treasury, how would you like to see it used if it was not to be a continuation of the existing approach?

Comments Funding for independent living should be clearly linked to self-directed support funding as they have similar intentions. The ILF payment would be additional to SDS rather than in place of it, but it can still form part of the social care conversation a support person has with their local authority.

### Question 4

What innovative ways might there be for increasing the overall amount of money in the pot?

Comments

### Question 5

With any available resource, where is the most effective area to target resources which can have the biggest impact on an individual's ability to live more independently?

Comments This could differ depending on age and other characteristics – 'independent living' will not have the same meaning for everyone. Flexibility, and fewer restrictions on what the fund can support (as with SDS) is important.

One suggestion in the consultation document is that short term funding could be used for transitions – this would seem to be a sensible way of applying extra funding at a key point in a persons life.

### **Question 6**

Once funding has been devolved to the Scottish Government, which option do you think will be most appropriate for Scotland?

Comments Concern was raised at one of our member's consultation events that the decision had already been made for ILF funding to come under Local Authority control. This raises concern of potentially different procedures and unequal provision across the country.

### **Question 7**

To assist with our partial Equality Impact Assessment in relation to the future development of a sustainable Fund to support disabled people in Scotland to live independently, please describe any equality issues (in relation to age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender re-assignment, race, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and marriage and civil partnership) that you feel may arise and suggest ways in which these could be addressed.

Comments