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Independent Living Fund Consultation

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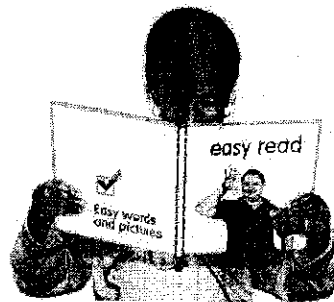


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Introduction



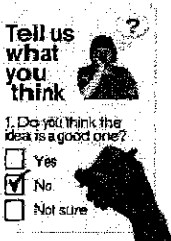
The Independent Living Fund (ILF) is money paid to people with disabilities. It helps them live in their own homes and get the care and support they need.



After consultation the UK Minister for Disabled People made the decision to close the ILF on 31st March 2015. Those with an award will continue to be supported by the ILF until then.



The UK Government has said that Scotland will get a share of the money that makes up the ILF.



This consultation is asking how you think this money should be spent.

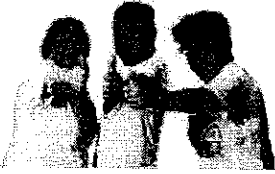


The Scottish Government want to try and make sure the people who already get an ILF award keep getting this money.



A person would keep getting this money unless their personal circumstances change.

People who currently get ILF



The Scottish Government know how important ILF is to the people who get it.



For some people, getting money from the ILF is the difference between having a job and not having a job.



It can be the difference between being independent and being dependent on others to give care and support.

Case Study

“Without ILF I would have to plan everything in advance, I would get out less and my friendships would break down.”



Abby is 23. She has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. She needs 24 hour support to live independently.

Abby left home when she was 18 and lives on her own. Without ILF funding she would still live with her parents or in residential care.





There is little difference between Colin and Catherine's day to day care needs. The main difference between them is that Colin gets ILF and Catherine does not.

Question 1

Personally it does not

work well.



What parts of the current Independent Living Fund worked well?



What parts did not work well?

None.

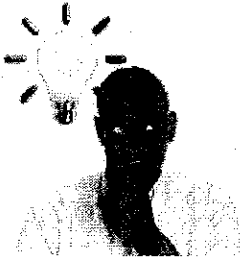


Question 2

When people no longer receive ILF, how should the money then be spent?

Should it be spent in the same way?

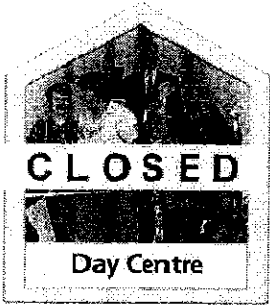
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The Scottish Government is open to all ideas for the use of a new fund. They will think about all of the ideas put forward and pick the one that is the most sustainable.



One idea is that the new fund could be used to overcome short term challenges in a person's life.



For example, a person gets support from a day centre that is closing. This person wants to be more independent and do more things. They are at risk of losing the friends they have made when the day centre closes.



The fund could be used in the short term to support them in keeping these friends and getting out and about more.



Question 3

If ILF is not going to continue, how would you like to see the money used?

open the money up to disabled people who previously did not get it.



Question 5

How can we use the resources available to help people live more independent lives? Give the money to disabled people themselves.

What is the most important thing that we need to do to help people live more independent lives? Give disabled people the money and resources they need to live independently.

How a new fund may look



It is not possible for ILF to continue in Scotland.

We have some ideas about what we would like to do in the future.

We have called these ideas 'Models for delivery of a new fund'.

Tell us what you think



1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

- Yes
 No
 Not sure



We would like to know your views about the new models that we have come up with.

Your views will help us to decide the best option for a new fund.

2 The Scottish Government



The Scottish Government will give out the fund to the whole of Scotland. People will apply to the Scottish Government or through their local authority.

Advantages of this model



- It may lead to a more equal service.
- It might make it easier for people to make changes to their lives. It might be easier to work in a different local authority to the one they live in. It might be easier to move to a different local authority.

Disadvantages of this model



- It could cost a lot more money to organise.
- The Government do not have a lot of experience in giving cash payments to people directly.
- Applying for the fund may be more difficult.

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Creating a new partnership



This option would let us create a new partnership with voluntary organisations. This may put disabled people and carers in charge of the way the fund is spent.



This would help to deliver a service where disabled people and carers work with the Government to develop a new way to give out the fund.



This new system would take applications from people all over Scotland or people will apply through their local authority.

Advantages of this model



- It may lead to a more equal service.
- It might make it easier for people to make changes to their lives. It might be easier to work in a different local authority to the one they live in. It might be easier to move to a different local authority.
- It would put disabled people and organisations that support them in charge of managing the fund.

Equality



We will make sure that we treat people fairly when developing a new fund. When we are developing the new fund we will check that we are making a fund that is fair.



Question 7

For people to live independent lives it is important that people are not unfairly treated or feel unequal.

Do you think that there are any issues that might make people feel this way?

For example, this could be because of their disability or religion.

How do you think we can improve things for people who feel unfairly treated or unequal? *Treat everyone equally.*

Question 2



When people no longer receive ILF, how should the money then be spent?

Should it be spent in the same way? Yes No

If not, how do you think the money should be spent?

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Question 4



Can you think of any ways to help increase the money that there is to give disabled people support?

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Question 6

When the Scottish Government are given funding, what model do you think will be the best for Scotland?

Please write your answer here: