

## Policy 2 Adult placement

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### 1.0 Background

ILFS regularly comes across “Adult Placements”. This may be a situation where an adult is living with their ex foster parents who have now been approved as Adult Placement carers, or it may have been set up specifically as an Adult Placement. In these cases the client will be living in a normal house in the community with some or all of their care being provided by the householder.

Adult Placements/Carers have to be approved as Adult Placement Schemes with the Care Inspectorate. They must meet minimum standards derived from the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010. This registration is not the same as that registering a care home or agency providing domiciliary care.

### 2.0 Policy

Adult Placement is separate from residential care home registration and is to enable Disabled People to live within the community in a family environment.

It is important that all ILF funding supports independent living with choice and control. In general we expect that Adult Placements will provide a satisfactory degree of choice and control. ILFS will normally accept the judgement of the Local Authority as to the suitability of the Adult Placement.

The Assessor will need to be satisfied that the ILFS Independent Living policy principles are being followed (see Independent Living policy document) and that the User has adequate choice and control over their arrangements. Where there are concerns about the suitability of an arrangement, as with all users, these should be addressed in the usual way.

It is recognised that once established, adult placements may not offer the same facility for ready change of carer that an employer / employee basis can offer but this should not debar such arrangements, as we already support similar arrangements for disabled people to live in the households of family and friends, some of whom may be paid by Local Authorities or ILFS.

However it remains important that all other aspects of life such as freedom to come and go, activity at home, choice of who provides any additional care, choice of activity and friends etc. remain firmly under the control of the user, and as with all users the Assessor will seek to ensure that this is the case.

The Local Authority Threshold sum and ILF funded support must be made up of support as described in the 'Use of funding' policy document. This includes any support that is provided as part of the placement agreement that is in place for the individual Adult placement and should be detailed on the Care schedule and ILF funding request as with all users.

### **3.0 Source**

### **4.0 History Date Reviewed**

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