

Policy 37 Supporting People

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1.0 Background

This policy details how supporting people funding is treated by ILFS.

The Supporting People (SP) programme was intended to meet housing related needs. Initially funding was ring-fenced and the previous ILF organisation (ILF UK) regarded the funding as being outside QSS, however this ring-fenced has subsequently been removed in Scotland and funding can now be used as designated by the local authority. In Northern Ireland, the ring-fence remains and funding must be spent according to specific rules.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Scotland

Supporting People funding can be used towards meeting the Threshold Sum for ILF, however it can only be counted towards the threshold sum where it is specifically identified and recorded by the local authority that the funding is being used for Qualifying Support and Services (QSS). See policies on the LA Threshold Sum.

Some LAs may have advised ILFS that all former SP money is still being used for “housing support”. There is an overlap of the terminology here and some of what they are designating housing support may indeed fall within the ILFS definition of QSS. Local authorities need to ensure that they continue at all times to meet the threshold sum and **may be asked to satisfy ILFS that this is the case where this is unclear**. If the local authority does not meet the relevant threshold sum an overpayment may be raised.

2.2 Existing cases from Northern Ireland

As the ring fence remains in place supporting people money should be identified but cannot be counted towards meeting the local authorities threshold sum. Any reduction in supporting people money will not impact on ILF funding.

3.0 Sources

4.0 Cross reference

Threshold Sum policy

5.0 History Date Reviewed

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