

# Independent Living Fund Scotland

## Stakeholder Engagement

## Summary Feedback Report

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# About



Independent Living Fund (ILF Scotland) worked with a number of our partners to hold events all over Scotland.



Our partners involved in this work were disabled people, those from disabled people's organisations, carers and local council representatives.



The events were organised to talk to our partners about how they think the £5million from the new ILF Fund could be best spent.



This is a summary of what was talked about at the events.

A summary is something that tells you about the main points.

# Main Points

The main points that our partners talked about were:



- Most of our partners were happy we had £5million to spend, but there were some who said £5million was not enough money.
- The money should not be spent on lots of paperwork.
- The new ILF fund should not be linked to any funding from the Council.
- Carers wanted the new ILF fund to provide emergency support.
- People who need help should get it.
- People should be able to apply for funding if their support needs change. Funding should not just be a one-off.
- The new ILF fund must provide additional support for people.
- Any information about the new ILF fund should be shared with all partners.

## Themes A and B



A lot of people thought that instead of having two different themes there should be a mix of the two. The most important message is that ILF Scotland are not in charge of the fund and process and that it is a co-production process with all partners.

Co-production means that the people responsible for developing something work with the people who will use or be affected by it as equal partners.

## Maximum and Minimum Award Levels



The partners talked about if there should be a maximum and a minimum amount of money awarded for each application.



The partners agreed that there should be a maximum amount of money awarded for each application. This is because ILF Scotland want to help as many people as possible.



The partners agreed that there should not be a minimum amount of money awarded for each application. This is because even a little amount of money can help.

## Maximum and Minimum Time Periods



The partners wanted the application to be considered on a personal needs basis. The partners do not want a time limit on when applications can be made.



The partners wanted to think about how a time based award would continue once the ILF Scotland funding had finished.



People who attended the events told us they would like to have an upfront amount so they could spend the money to suit their needs and circumstances.

## Eligibility Based on High Rate DLA/PIP and aged 16-64



The partners talked about how anyone who was entitled to DLA or PIP should be able to apply to the new ILF fund even if you are only entitled to the Lower Rate.



All partners thought that people of any age should be able to apply to the new ILF fund.



The partners talked about the rules for people with mental health issues or learning disability who do not qualify for High Rate DLA/PIP. The partners agreed that even though they do not qualify for High Rate DLA/PIP they may still need more support and should be able to apply to the new ILF fund.

# Linking the Award to your Local Council Help



A lot of the partners did not want the local council to help with the applications for ILF Scotland Funding.



The partners talked about how the Council should not consider any ILF Fund award when they decide the amount of support they should give.

**The following are some of the notes from people who took part in our partners meeting. The notes are written word for word.**



- “Please minimise the bureaucracy – fighting for support from Local Authorities is too hard for already stressed and tired carers” – Aberdeen
- “Local authority support helps me get out of bed; ILF Scotland support gives me a reason to get out of bed!”
- “Found it very helpful and listened to as a parent of a disabled young person” – Glasgow.
- “Felt listened to as well as being involved in the process. Was great to see that the Scottish Government and ILF Scotland are engaging with people who are affected by ILF, rather than the decision being made top down.” – Aberdeen
- “Maybe have a longer session as it could help people get their opinions over. Other than that keep up the good work. Everything has been good.” – Stirling
- “We would like to see ILF ensure that they are not duplicating SDS/LA budgets and responsibilities. Supporting preventative work, e.g. transitions. Supporting by condition/diagnosis not age or benefit

eligibility. Support planning not assessment. Not having to choose either A or B but combination + Option C.” – Dundee

- “Good debates and discussions, interesting however the reality of the complexities of how the fund will be distributed and not sure how the questions and/or concerns that it will reach the people (or some of) who may benefit the most.” – Edinburgh
- “Local Authorities are stopping funding for social care and only providing for essential and critical personal support – ILF Scotland could plug this gap as trying to get Local Authorities to change is like pushing water uphill”. – Aberdeen

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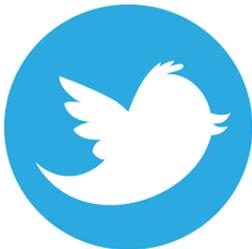
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