

Policy 15 - Engaging Care Outside Scotland and Northern Ireland

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1. Background

ILF Scotland Recipients can choose to engage support from a Personal Assistant (PA) or care Provider during temporary stays outside Scotland and Northern Ireland (NI).

2. Policy

There is no restriction upon an ILF Scotland Recipient engaging a PA directly or through a care provider while in another part of the UK or overseas. Recipients must continue to meet all ILF Scotland eligibility criteria and be able to cover the costs of the support costs from the existing ILF Scotland award. Recipients must be able to provide documentation to evidence the support provided and the payment of this.

ILF Scotland is not required to collect PA National Insurance numbers as a condition of funding. Recipients should be able to provide the names

of any PAs and the name and contact details of any care provider they use.

ILF Scotland does not distinguish between European and non-European countries in this arrangement.

Different regulatory authorities cover care providers in Scotland, Northern Ireland, England and Wales, and each country overseas will have different arrangements for overseeing care provision. It is the Recipient's responsibility to make sure that any provider they engage is registered appropriately.

Should a Recipient wish to employ a PA directly, ILF Scotland would advise them to take out Employers Liability Insurance. ILF Scotland covers the cost of Employers Liability Insurance within Scotland and Northern Ireland. Please see [Employer Support Information Note](#). ILF Scotland will consider paying the cost of this in relation to support provided in other countries but we would advise Recipients to seek their own local legal advice. ILF Scotland cannot cover the cost of such legal advice.

3. Procedure

Where an ILF Scotland Recipient wishes to engage a PA or a care provider during a temporary stay outside Scotland or Northern Ireland, they must:

- Be Group 2 Recipients in receipt of at least the qualifying level of support from their local authority – the Threshold Sum. Please [see Policy 24 Statutory Input to ILF Scotland Funding](#)

- Continue to meet any other eligibility criteria.
- Continue to satisfy residence and presence tests.
- Be able to provide details of the PA or support provider and evidence of the service provided and paid for.

4. Cross References

[Employer Support Information Note](#)

[Policy 24 - Statutory Input to ILF Scotland Funding](#)

5. Version History

Version 1: 1 July 2015

Version 2: 1 June 2016

Version 3: 4 March 2021

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