Policy 9 Changes to Local Authority Charges

Owner: **ILF Scotland**

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1.0   Background

1.1   All assessments of ILF awards must set out how the charge made by a Local Authority (LA) for qualifying support and services (QSS) that it provides should be treated when an ILF award is assessed.

1.2   ILF recipients are expected to make a contribution towards the cost of the QSS being funded by ILFS. The amount of that contribution is reduced by the amount of any charges paid to the recipient's LA for QSS provided by the LA.

1.3   On the revision of an award no account shall be taken of any increases made by LAs in those charges

2.0   Policy

2.1   No account will be taken of any increases in LA charges for QSS.

2.2   Any charge made by an LA for additional or new services is to be treated as an increased charge.

2.3   Any increase in an LA charge must still be notified to ILFS because this may affect a person's eligibility for an award. If the increased charge means that the LA net input falls below the Threshold Sum the recipient would cease to be eligible. **It is therefore important for ILFS staff and LA representatives to be aware of this**.

2.4   If ILFS is notified of an increased charge, that notification alone should not trigger a reassessment of the award.

2.5   Where an ILF recipient moves to a new LA and the charge assessed by the new LA is higher than the charge of the previous LA, on a reassessment of the award, the full amount of the new LA's charge should be taken into account in the award calculation. This change is not covered by the terms of the Increases in ILF Awards Policy. Any **subsequent** increase in the charge by the new LA is, however, covered and should be disregarded in any award calculation.

2.6   If the LA charge decreases, the ILF award should be reassessed accordingly.

3.0   Source

4.0   Cross References

Available Income Policy

5.0   History Date Reviewed

1 July 2015