

Policy 25 LA Threshold Sum

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1.0 Background

A key eligibility criteria to receive an ILF Scotland award is that a Health and Social Care Partnership in Scotland (HSCP) or a Social Care Trust (Trust) in Northern Ireland is providing services or funding to a specified value (the Threshold Sum). This provision must consist of Qualifying Support and Services (QSS) (see policy 41) and funding may be above the threshold value. The only exception to this is for protected Group 1 ILF recipients (see policy 24).

2.0 Threshold Calculation

The HSCP / Trust must meet a minimum of the Threshold Sum per week **averaged over the year.**

The (average) weekly cost of the HSCP / Trust package less any assessed weekly charges applied by the HSCP / Trust will determine whether the relevant Threshold Sum is being met. This level of Funding must be maintained.

If the HSCP / Trust assessed client charge increases, the Threshold Sum reduces by the corresponding amount. The threshold value however must still be maintained otherwise the Eligibility Criteria for an ILF Award will not be met.

2.0 Threshold Sums

There are 3 levels of ILF Threshold Sums

2.1 Threshold Sum £200

The Threshold Sum is £200 for any application received prior to 1st April 2008, and where no request had been made to ILF UK or ILFS for an increased award based on increased need for Qualifying Support and Services (QSS).

2.2 Threshold Sum £320

The Threshold Sum is £320 for any application made to ILF UK between 1st April 2008 and 30th April 2010.

For applications made to ILF UK prior to 1st April 2008, requests for an increased award based on increased need for QSS received on or before 30th April 2010 required LA input of at least £320. In any such case where ILF UK had agreed to a care needs increase, the Threshold Sum is now £320.

The Threshold Sum for these cases remains at £320, unless ILF UK or ILFS have since agreed an increased award based on increased need for QSS. In that event the £340 Threshold Sum in the following paragraph will apply.

2.3 Threshold Sum £340

The Threshold Sum for applications or increased requests based on increased need for QSS, that have been received by ILF UK or ILFS on or after 1st May 2010, is £340 per week.

3.0 Regularity of payments

The HSCP / Trust has to meet a minimum of the Threshold Sum per week averaged over the year (or relevant period that payments are required), however the regularity of those payments is not relevant.

4.0 Fixing the Threshold Sum

The HSCP / Trust input can never fall below the Threshold Sum applicable at the date of application.

Additionally in any case where the Threshold Sum has increased (to £320 or £340) because ILF UK or ILFS had agreed to increase an award based on increased need for QSS, that new Threshold Sum applies to that case on an ongoing basis and can never reduce.

4.1 New Employer costs

Where an ILFS award was increased only to incorporate employer costs as outlined in the Increase Requests policy, the Threshold sum will not need to increase as these costs will be paid in relation to the existing support only.

4.2 Funding from two Statutory Bodies

Very occasionally funding is provided by HSCPs / Trusts. The funding from both authorities may be aggregated to meet the Threshold Sum. Such cases are very unusual and may need to be referred to the ILFS senior management team if changes occur in the funding arrangements.

4.3 Movement from between HSCPs / Trusts

Where a recipient moves from one HSCP / Trust to another HSCP / Trust then the recipient will only remain eligible providing that the existing Threshold Sum is maintained.

4.4 Changes in financial circumstances

If the recipient's financial circumstances change, with the result that the recipient's Available Income decreases, ILFS can make the corresponding increase to the ILFS award without additional HSCP Trust input.

5.0 Cross References

Use of Funding (QSS) policy
Increases in ILF Awards policy

Explanatory Note

HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership
ILFS	Independent Living Fund Scotland
ILF UK	Independent Living Fund UK
LA	Local Authority
Trust	Social Care Trust (NI)
QSS	Qualifying Support and Services