

Policy 24 - Statutory Input to ILF Scotland Funding

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1. Background

This policy is relevant for all ILF Scotland Recipients other than those in Group 1.

2. Policy

2.1 Threshold Sums

To remain eligible to receive ILF Scotland funding, a Health and Social Care Partnership in Scotland (HSCP) or a Social Care Trust (HSCT) in Northern Ireland must be providing services or funding to a value at least equal to a Threshold Sum.

There are five different Threshold Sums:

- £200 per week – applications made to ILF UK Prior to April 2008
- £320 per week – applications or increased requests made to ILF UK between 1 April 2008 and 30 April 2010

- £340 per week – applications or increased requests made to ILF UK or ILF Scotland between 1 May 2010 and 31 March 2024
- £800 per week – applications in Scotland only, made to ILF Scotland after 1 April 2024. The SDS budget can be notionally enhanced by an element of unpaid care (see 2.3 below)

These Sums will apply on an ongoing basis and will not reduce.

- Variable – applies to applications in Scotland only, made to ILF Scotland after 3 August 2026, where the Recipient is in the Red Category on the Coming Home Dynamic Support Register (DSR). A relevant Threshold Sum will be agreed between ILF Scotland and the HSCP on an individual basis at the time of the first award.

2.2 Threshold Calculation

The HSPC / HSCT must meet a minimum of the relevant Threshold Sum per week averaged over the year.

The average weekly cost of the HSPC / HSCT package, less any weekly charges applied by the HSCP / HSCT, will determine whether the relevant Threshold Sum is being met.

If the HSPC / HSCT increases charges, the relevant Threshold Sum reduces by the corresponding amount. The relevant Threshold Sum must still be maintained to continue to meet the Eligibility Criteria for an ILF Award.

An HSPC / HSCT can award funding above the relevant Threshold Sum and such funding is not restricted to the purposes set out in [Policy 41 - Use of ILF Scotland Funding](#).

To form part of the relevant Threshold Sum, the HSPC / HSCT must provide services directly to the Recipient. In some circumstances, these services may also provide a degree of respite to a Recipient's unpaid carer.

ILF Scotland does not normally provide funding that has previously been the responsibility of the HSCP / HSCT.

2.3 Threshold Sum – Unpaid Care

This refers to applications submitted after 27 January 2025.

The local authority SDS budget of less than £800 but more than £485 weekly may be enhanced by including a notional 'carer component' to effectively top up the budget to reach the threshold sum of £800, up to a maximum of £315 per week, in recognition of significant, resident, unpaid care.

Local authority Social Work departments must confirm on an application for ILF that the resident unpaid carer provides significant support and would be eligible for an Adult Carer Support Plan (whether or not one is in place).

Where unpaid care is lost to an ILF funded arrangement, the ILF award will be maintained on a temporary basis, as agreed by ILF Scotland, to allow the local authority to conduct a review of the person's needs and where that results in a net SDS budget of at least £800, the ILF award will continue.

3. Procedure

3.1 Increases in Support Need or Cost

Increases to awards are available only in line with [Policy 18 - Increases in ILF Scotland Awards](#) and [Policy 36 - Short Term Support](#).

3.2 Decreases in Care Need or Cost

To remain eligible for ILF Scotland funding, Recipients must spend their HSCP / HSCT funding to at least the amount of the relevant Threshold Sum as outlined in [Policy 41 - Use of ILF Scotland Funding](#).

Where an HSCP / HSCT reduces its input to a support package, ILF Scotland will not usually replace this and will not consider any increase in award until the HSCP / HSCT restores its input to previous levels.

If a HSCP / HSCT reduces its funding below the relevant Threshold sum, the Recipient will no longer be eligible for ILF Scotland funding.

For Coming Home Recipients where the HSCP contribution reduces, ILF Scotland may agree on a case-by-case basis and at the discretion of its Senior Leadership Team that an ILF award can continue.

In circumstances where a Recipient's care / support arrangements alter significantly, ILF Scotland will consider the changes to the HSCP / HSCT and ILF Scotland provisions on an individual basis. Any increase to the current offer is subject to the terms outlined in [Policy 18 - Increases in ILF Scotland Awards](#).

3.3 Moving Between HSCPs / HSCTs

Where a Recipient moves from one HSCP / HSCT to another, the Recipient will remain eligible for ILF providing the new HSPC / HSCT

maintains the existing relevant Threshold Sum. If the new HSCP / HSCT reassesses the support and reduces the value of its input, the funding must remain at least equal to the relevant Threshold Sum. In this circumstance and providing the reduction takes place at the first local authority social care needs assessment following the move, ILF Scotland can consider increases in support needs without requiring the HSCP / HSCT to reinstate the previous level of support.

3.4 Funding from Two Statutory Bodies

Very occasionally funding is provided by two HSCPs / HSCTs. The funding from both may be aggregated to meet the relevant Threshold Sum. Such cases are very unusual and may need to be referred to ILF Scotland's Senior Leadership Team.

3.5 Child to Adult Budget

Where a Recipient moves from children's services to adult services, ILF Scotland will not expect the HSCP / HSCT to maintain its input at the previous level, providing the adult services department makes the change at the first support needs assessment following the move. The HSCP / HSCT must meet the relevant Threshold sum.

3.6 Compulsory Treatment Order (CTO)

Should a fund Recipient be subject to a CTO under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003, the relevant Threshold Sum must be maintained for the ILF award to remain in payment. However, costs associated with the implementation of the CTO care plan can be treated by ILF Scotland, at its sole discretion, for Threshold Sum purposes. An ILF Scotland award can remain in payment in these circumstances if ILF Scotland is satisfied that this will be to the benefit of the Recipient and is supported by the Recipient's MHO.

3.7 Changes in Financial Circumstances

If a Recipient experiences financial hardship, ILF Scotland can review any Available Income contribution and waive this in part or in full without additional HSCP / HSCT input. Please refer to [Policy 4 - Recipient Contribution](#) for more information.

4. Group 1 Policy

There is no formal requirement for the HSCP / HSCT to fund support for Group 1 Recipients, but where the HSCP / HSCT does provide funds and reduces its provision, ILF Scotland will accept this. ILF Scotland expects the HSCP / HSCT to resume at the original level before it would consider any increase in line with [Policy 18 - Increases in ILF Scotland Awards](#), unless the HSCP / HSCT gives a suitable explanation for the reduction.

5. Cross References

[Policy 4 - Recipient Contribution](#)

[Policy 18 - Increases in ILF Scotland Awards](#)

[Policy 36 - Short Term Support](#)

[Policy 41 - Use of ILF Scotland Funding](#)

6. Version History

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