

## Policy 4 - Recipient Contribution

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### 1. Background

ILF Scotland assumes recipients will make a contribution towards their ILF funded support.

This policy does not apply to new recipients of the Fund applying after 1 April 2024.

### 2. Policy

Effective from 1 June 2021 in Scotland and from 1 October 2022 in Northern Ireland, the maximum contribution from any ILF Scotland recipient is limited to the value of £43.00 weekly.

ILF Scotland will maintain that lower value and will cap all contributions properly made at 1 June 2021 / 1 October 2022 at that level with no further increase in any assumed contribution.

All earlier versions of Policy 4 are archived for reference, in the event of any required recalculation of a contribution, ILF Scotland can at its

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discretion, reduce a contribution to a level it feels appropriate if a recipient would have been better off under a previous version of this or related policies.

ILF Scotland will wholly disregard any partner or spouse income.

Where a Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) or Trust (HSCT) decreases its charge, from 1 June 2021 / 1 October 2022, ILF Scotland will take no account of that decrease.

### **3. Policy Qualifications**

ILF Scotland has the discretion to waive, in part or in full, any assumed contribution in circumstances of hardship, which might include:

- Terminal illness (full waiver will apply)
- Disability related costs
- Costs related to the care of children
- Any overlap with HSCP / HSCT charging to the recipient's detriment

Protections given by ILF UK to certain Group 1 (former Extension Fund) recipients are preserved indefinitely, on the basis and level given at 1 July 2015.

### **4. Payment of ILF Award**

ILF Scotland bases its award on its assessment of the support a recipient requires. ILF Scotland will establish the award, deduct any assumed contribution as outlined in section 2 of this policy, and having

considered any implications of section 3, will make this net award to recipients.

## **5. Procedural Considerations**

ILF Scotland will deduct the assumed contribution from the weekly cost of support or the weekly cost of a retainer. Examples:

- If someone is paid on receipt of invoice rather than automatically, the contribution will be deducted from the invoice total.
- Where a retainer is paid for part of the usual support for the PA element but not the agency element, ILF Scotland will deduct the contribution from the gross retainer amount.
- If a recipient requires a replacement award for a limited or ongoing period, ILF Scotland will always deduct the contribution.

## **6. Unspent Monies / Overpayments**

ILF Scotland will base its calculation of unspent monies or any overpayment on the net amount it paid and will not take into account the recipient's contribution.

## **7. History Review**

1 October 2018

1 October 2019

1 June 2021

30 June 2022

1 April 2024