

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

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

Version 1: 1 October 2018

Version 2: 1 October 2019

Version 3: 31 March 2020

Version 4: 1 June 2021

Version 5: 30 June 2022

Version 6: 1 April 2024

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