



Frequently Asked Questions

What is meant by significant care?

Your local authority will determine whether you receive significant support from an unpaid carer. They will consider the support you would likely receive if you were not receiving unpaid care and if this would result in an overall budget of £800 or more each week. They will then confirm to ILF Scotland that you receive a significant amount of unpaid care and that they currently provide you with £485 or more weekly.

Does that mean I will get extra money from my local authority if I have an unpaid carer?

No, the sums are only used to see if you are able to access the Independent Living Fund. Your local authority budget will remain unchanged.

Does my unpaid carer have to live in the same household as me?

Yes, they must live in the same house as you and be providing you with a significant amount of unpaid care.

My unpaid carer doesn't live in the same house as me. Can I still access the fund?

Unfortunately, not at this time.