Salford City Council

Paul Taylforth request-229505-49208c3e@whatdotheyknow.com 15/10/2014

SUBJECT: Freedom of Information Requests

Dear Mr Taylforth,

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I am writing in response to your Freedom of Information request of 14 September 2014. Your request and the councils response is as follows:

Following the new decision by the Government to close the ILF (Independent Living Fund) on June 30th 2015 and devolve funding to Local Authorities, please could you answer the following questions.

1: Will monies transferred from the closure of the ILF to your local authority be ring fenced to ILF recipients in your area? If no decision has yet been taken, what is the process and timescale for this happening?

The situation about ring fencing is not clear at the moment. There is an information day in Oldham with ILF where we may get further information.

2: Please could you state the process and timescale for meeting with current ILF recipients to prepare personal care plans for 1st July 2015 onwards (bearing in mind the assessments at the Transfer Review visits only indicate desired outcomes and do not produce an actual care package).

This is dependent on knowing how much money will be transferring. When we know this will start the discussion

3: Will you be making any special dispensation for allowing ILF users to continue to employ their current & in many cases long standing carers of many years, bearing in mind some may be paid a higher rate than what LA's may usually advise and be family members too?

Please see answer to Question 2 above

The council considers it has fulfilled your Freedom of Information request. If you are dissatisfied with the way your request has been handled, or wish to appeal this decision, you may wish to contact David Hunter, Assistant Director, ICT, Customer and Support Services Directorate; email: david.hunter@salford.gov.uk

Details of how to lodge an appeal can be found at www.salford.gov.uk.

If you are still dissatisfied following any internal appeal, you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF - www.ico.org.uk Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745

Yours sincerely

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