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Dear Paul Taylforth

Thank you for your request for information, which was received by the Council on the 11th September 2014.

Please find below details of your request made under the Freedom of Information Act and our response on behalf of Leeds City Council.

Q1. 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?

A1. Leeds City Council Adult Social Care is currently working with the Independent Living Fund assessors prior to the transfer of funding to undertake joint reviews. We will work with the Independent Living Fund assessors and the respective individuals to ensure that their continuing care package fully meets their needs. The monies from the closure of the Independent Living Fund will be allocated as per this assessment process.

At this time it is not known whether the monies transferred from the closure of the Independent Living Fund will be ring fenced to Independent Living Fund recipients. We can confirm that the programme of reviews will be completed by the end of June 2015.

Q2. 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).

A2. Please refer to A1.

Q3. 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?

A3. No definitive decision has been made in relation to this matter however this particular aspect will be under consideration.

We trust that you will be happy with the service you have received in relation to your request and hope that the content contained within this response has satisfactorily addressed your request.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: The Complaints Manager, Department of Social Services, Merrion House, 110 Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8QB.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Social Care. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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