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Dear Poole Borough Council,

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?

We do not anticipate a ring fence arrangement

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).

We have a relatively low number of ILF recipients and will work with each to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place which take account of individual circumstances. Initial assessments will be completed before 31 March 2015, and in the event of any subsequent changes in circumstances a new assessment will take place.

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?

We are not aware of any clients that employ family members through their ILF funding; however, if this was the case it would be looked at on an individual basis. Any issues on rates of pay will be considered on an individual basis.

Many Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

Frank Black