

DWP Central Freedom of Information Team

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Our Ref: VTR 30

18 January 2013

Dear Paul Taylforth,

On 3 January 2012 you asked:

Dear Department for Work and Pensions,

Please can you answer the following questions with regards to the Independent Living Fund (ILF) consultation responses.

1) Please can you provide me with a list of which Local Authorities responded to the consultation and can you let me see the responses they gave.

2) Please can you provide me with a list of which Organisations responded to the consultation and can you let me see the responses they gave.

3) Please can you state how many Individual responses were opposed to the closure of the ILF and how many were in favour of closure.

4) Please can you state how many Organisations were opposed to the closure of the ILF and how many were in favour of closure.

We have received around 2,000 responses.

We received 96 written responses from disabled people's and similar organisations, 78 from Local Authorities and 14 from other organisations. In addition, 88 representatives of Local Authorities attended one of our consultation events.

401 ILF users, user representatives and support workers attended one of our consultation events. The remaining responses were submitted by individuals by post, email, online and by telephone.

It is impossible to provide statistics on the support or opposition for the Government's proposals in response to the consultation on the future of the Independent Living Fund. Respondents were free to respond to the questions with any answer they wished and were not constrained to simple 'Yes' or 'No' answers. The overwhelming majority of respondents chose

to provide longer responses with many expressing mixed feelings about the proposals or laying out conditions on which they would support it. Such responses cannot be simply categorised as 'supportive' or 'opposing' nor is it always clear when a respondent is intending to provide a 'mixed' response. As such, we will not misrepresent respondent's views by attempting to categorise their views in such a narrow way. Instead we have provided in the Government's response a qualitative assessment of the opinions and arguments expressed by respondents with a high level assessment of the strength and extent of support for them. It would be impossible to provide more precise assessments of this information without also potentially being misleading or misrepresenting of the views of respondents.

It is impossible to provide a precise figure for the number of responses we have received.

- Many individuals have submitted multiple and duplicate contributions to the consultation through the many different methods available. We have attempted to identify these occurrences so that individuals are not counted twice, but this will not always have been possible.
- Some contributions are submitted on behalf of multiple individuals, but it is unclear how many individuals' opinions are represented.
- It is not always clear that correspondence we've received is intended to be a response to the consultation.

I must be clear, however, that the views, opinions and arguments contained in all responses and correspondence of any type which could have been intended as a consultation response were read, carefully considered and taken into account in formulating the Government's response.

Please find below a list of all of the organisations that responded to the consultation on the future of the Independent Living Fund. You have confirmed receipt of these when you were copied into another requestors reply as requested.

Disabled People's and Similar Organisations

- Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea
- All Wales Forum of Parents and Carers of People with a Learning Disability
- All Wales People First
- Alliance
- Ashfield Developments and Accommodation
- Aspire
- Borders Voluntary Community Care Forum
- Bournemouth People First
- Breakthrough UK
- Bristol Disability Equality Forum
- Bristol Link
- Capability Scotland
- Carers Northern Ireland
- Carers Scotland
- Carers Support
- Carers UK

- Cartref Ni
- Centre for Independent Living Northern Ireland
- Cheshire Centre for Independent Living
- Choices Advocacy
- Community Housing Cymru Group
- Cornerstone
- Cymorth Cymru
- Darlington Association on Darlington
- Deafblind UK
- Disability Action
- Disability Cornwall
- Disability in Camden
- Disability Law Service
- Disability Rights UK
- Disability Wales
- Disabled People Against Cuts
- Disabled People Against Cuts North East
- Diverse Cymru
- Enable Scotland
- Enfield Disability Action
- Enham
- Ex-ILF Contact Officer Group
- Fforwm Anableddau Dysgu Sir Ddinbych
- Flintshire Forum for Learning Disabilities
- Fragile X Society
- Gateshead Access Panel
- Gateshead Link
- Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living
- Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People
- Greenwich Association of Disabled People
- Hammersmith and Fulham Action on Disability
- Harrow Association of Disabled People
- Inclusion London
- Inclusion Scotland
- Independent Living Alternatives
- Independent Living in Scotland
- Learning Disability Alliance Scotland
- Learning Disability Wales
- Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living
- Mencap
- Mencap Cymru
- Mochridhe
- Motor Neurone Disease Association
- MS Society
- Neath Porth Talbot Council for Voluntary Service
- Newlife

- NHS Lothian
- Nottinghamshire Disabled People's Movement
- Optua
- Oxfordshire Family Support Network
- PAMIS
- People First Sefton
- Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment
- Quarriers
- Real Life Options
- Rhondda Cynon Taff People First
- Richmond Users Independent Living Scheme
- RNIB
- Scope
- Scottish Consortium for Learning Disability
- Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance
- Sefton Advocacy
- Self Directed Support Scotland
- Sense
- Sense Scotland
- Sheffield Centre for Independent Living
- Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases
- South East London Direct Action Network
- South Gloucester Link
- South Lanarkshire Self Directed Support
- South Yorkshire Centre for Independent Living
- Spinal Injuries Association
- Tai Pawb
- Thurrock Coalition
- United Response
- Walsingham
- West of England Centre for Independent Living
- Weston and North Somerset DIAL
- Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living
- X by X Bromley Mencap

Local Authorities

- Aberdeen City Council
- Aberdeenshire Council
- Argyll and Bute Council
- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Bournemouth Local Authority
- Borough of Poole Adult Social Care
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Bury Council
- Brighton and Hove City Council

- Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Cardiff Council
- Carmarthenshire County Council
- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council
- City and County of Swansea Council
- City of Edinburgh Council
- Cornwall Council
- Coventry City Council
- Denbighshire County Council
- Devon County Council
- Dorset County Council
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Durham County Council
- East Ayrshire Council
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East Renfrewshire Community Health and Care Partnership
- East Riding of Yorkshire Adult Care Management Services
- East Sussex County Council
- Falkirk Council
- Fife Council
- Flintshire County Social Services
- Glasgow City Council
- Gwynedd Council
- Halton Borough Council
- Hampshire County Councils
- Hertfordshire County Council Health and Community Services
- Inverclyde Community Health and Care Partnership
- Islington Housing and Adult Social Services
- Kent County Council
- Lancashire County Council
- Leeds City Council
- Leicestershire County Council
- London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- London Borough of Barnet
- London Borough of Hounslow
- London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- London Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster
- London Councils
- Middlesbrough Council
- Newcastle City Council
- Norfolk County Council
- North Tyneside Council Adult Social Care
- North Wales Local Authorities

- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Orkney Islands Council
- Oxfordshire County Council
- Pembrokeshire County Council
- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Salford City Council
- Scottish Borders Council
- Sheffield City Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- South Ayrshire Council
- South Lanarkshire Council
- St Helens Council
- Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
- Stockton on Tees Borough Council
- Stoke on Trent City Council
- Surrey County Council
- Wakefield Council
- Wandsworth Council
- Warwickshire County Council
- West Lothian Council
- West Sussex County Council
- Worcester County Council
- Wrexham Adult Social Care

LA Sector Organisations

- Association of Directors of Adult Social Services
- Association of Directors of Social Work
- Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
- Local Government Association
- National Association of Financial Assessment Officers

Non-Disability Related Organisations

- ASLEF
- Association of Disabled Professionals
- At Risk Teenagers and Young Adults
- Low Incomes Tax Reform Group
- NUS
- PCS
- PCS (ILF Branch)
- Royal College of Physicians
- Yorkshire Housing

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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