

Dear Mr Jon Abrams

I write further to your request for a review into the handling of your request for information under our ref **FOI-167799724 - Independent Living Fund**.

I have reviewed all of the relevant information, and also the handling of the request.

I have concluded that the response which was originally provided to you did not seek to explain the reasons why this information may not be held, and did not specify the exemption which should therefore have been applied.

Please therefore find the revised responses and exemptions provided below.

1. How many former Independent Living Fund (ILF) recipients reside in your London Borough?

ILF has been absorbed into the general budgets and there is no specific finance code for ILF. We would therefore not be able to identify any of the individuals who have received or are receiving ILF without completing a manual search of the Social Care Client Database and viewing each of the 2,100 client records held, which would breach the 'appropriate limit', currently set at 18 hours. Having calculated it would take 15-20 minutes for each single case file to be reviewed, it is unlikely that this request could be revised so that it meets the requirements of the acceptable limit. Section 12 is therefore engaged in response to this question.

2. How many former ILF recipients who have had community care assessments have had reductions in levels of their care package funding and/or support compared to the total they received from both the ILF and the Local Authority combined before closure?

Of these how many have had reductions:

- *Under 10%?*
- *Between 10 and 20%?*
- *Between 21 and 40%?*
- *Between 41 and 50%?*
- *Over 50%?*

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3. The government committed to four years' worth of funding through the former ILF Recipient Grant from 2016/17 until 2019/20. Has your London borough:

- **Ring-fenced this to care and support for former ILF recipients?**
- **Ring-fenced to adult social care?**
- **Not ring-fenced?**

Response: Expenditure on Individuals whose care was funded by the Independent Living Fund are now integrated into the Adult Social Care budget and are not ring fenced.

4. How many former ILF recipients have as part of their reassessment been referred for a Continuing Healthcare Assessment, and of these how many were found eligible?

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5. How many complaints have been received from former ILF recipients concerning their re-assessments and the outcomes thereof?

None

6. How many former ILF recipients have been moved into residential care following the closure of the ILF?

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If for any reason you are not satisfied with our response to your request for a review, you may contact the Information Commissioner to ask her to investigate the matter.

You can contact the Information Commissioner via the website www.ico.gov.uk or in writing at

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