



### Independent Living Fund – An Update

The Independent Living Fund (ILF) is due to close from June 2015, with funding being transferred to Local Authorities. The funding will not be ring-fenced and each recipient will require a full care management review to identify eligible needs, so that the value of their Personal Budget can be agreed, and a new support plan put in place prior to their ILF funding ceasing

ILF will continue to make payments until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015. As Devon County Council eligibility criteria are different to ILF criteria, there is a potential risk that a care management review will identify a lower Personal Budget than the total budget the individual currently receives. It is therefore **essential** that the reviews are completed in advance of the closure.

There are two groups of ILF users:

- **Group 1 users** - These are individuals who were not required to be in receipt of Social Care funding in order for them to apply for ILF. Initially we were unsure if they would be known to us, however it seems that we have had contact with all the Devon Group 1 users, bar three who do not appear to be currently in receipt of services. There have been delays in getting hold of the information about Group 1 users, due to the ILF needing to seek and obtain their consent to share information with the Local Authority.
- **Group 2 users** – These are individuals already known to Social Care as they were required to be in receipt of a package of care from us, before applying to ILF for additional funding. These individuals should already be receiving care management reviews annually, however it will be necessary to ensure that they all have a full face to face review prior to ILF funding ceasing in June 2015, and it may be prudent to diary these in well in advance. The Teams responsible for these reviews should already be aware of those affected.

### Actions required

1. Frontline Managers need to be aware of the Group 1 users in their area, some of whom appear to be the responsibility of CHC Teams.
2. Frontline Managers will need to plan the reviews of the Group 2 users allowing time for support planning prior to the ILF closure date. Timescales for undertaking these reviews have been agreed as follows:
  - a. Adult cases to be reviewed during April 2015
  - b. LD cases to be reviewed during March and April 2015

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