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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about closure of Independent Living Fund, which the Council received on 8th September 2014 and considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information;

- 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?**

A decision has been made that ILF recipients will need to be reassessed or assessed for the first time under the social care eligibility criteria following transfer to the local authority. The allocation of funds will be based on this assessment. A project group has been set up to manage the transfer.

- 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).**

The project group has been set up to agree the timescales to reassess/assess ILF recipient's needs to determine on-going support plan for the person which will include considering other more personalised approaches to their support.

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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?

The continuation of an individual's personal assistants will be their choice. However, the level of allocation for their future support plan will be based on their eligible needs and after considering alternative support in the community. This might impact on their ability to continue to employ the same number of personal assistants or for the same number of hours. The Council also pays a set rate for personal assistants and individuals employing the personal assistance of their choice at a higher rate of pay can 'top' up their payments from their personal funds. It will only be in exceptional circumstances that the Council might consider a higher rate of pay, if this was considered necessary after an assessment of the individual's needs.

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Yours sincerely



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