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Please ask for: the Information Access Officer

Date: 30 September 2014

My Ref: 866649

Your Ref:

Dear Mr Black,

Freedom of Information Request – Closure of the Independent Living Fund

I am writing further to the Council's previous correspondence dated 15 September 2014 regarding your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council does hold the information that you have requested and I attach our response. Please note that the information supplied can mostly be re-used in accordance with the Open Government Licence. The council should be acknowledged as the source of the information, but copyright is maintained for all photographs and third party contributions to the information supplied. For further details see <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open%2Dgovernment%2Dlicence/>.

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Yours sincerely,

Paul Francombe
Head of Service Delivery, Co-operative Commissioning & Adult Social Care



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.

- Q1. 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?
- A1. No decision has been taken on this point however we are aware of ILF changes and will consider them in the context of our existing and future policy reviews.**
- Q2. 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).
- A2. We are working in conjunction with ILF to complete reviews within the Plymouth area. A local authority social care officer attends with an ILF officer and a joint support plan is completed after review.**
- Q3. 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?
- A3. This situation has not arisen in Plymouth however if it does, each case would be considered individually and available options explored. This may include consideration of a time limited dispensation.**