

About the Independent Living Fund

The ILF may make payments to disabled people to be used towards the cost of appointing personal assistants or using a care agency, to provide the personal care and domestic assistance they need to live at home. To get payments from the ILF, you need to meet certain conditions (see leaflet 1 for more information).

Summary

This leaflet gives you details about what you can and cannot spend your ILF money on. The money is given to you so that you can pay people to provide personal care and domestic assistance. If you choose to employ a PA using the money ILF give you, you become an employer. If you do choose to employ a PA the money you get from the ILF can also be used to pay for things like advertising the PA job, statutory sick pay and holiday pay.

The ILF's money cannot be used for things like holidays, bills, wheelchairs, or care provided by a relative living in the same house. This is not a full list. See this leaflet for more details.

Other formats

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This leaflet is not legal advice, and although it does not deal with your specific situation, it does set out your general obligations to the ILF. Any figures or references to documents are correct at the time of issuing. The ILF reserves the right to update this leaflet from time to time.

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Leaflet 7

Spending your Money



This leaflet tells you what you can spend your ILF money on



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Creating Choice for Disabled People



What can the money be used for?

Our Trust Deed tells us what kind of support the ILF can pay towards. You can use ILF money to pay for personal care and domestic assistance to help you with:

- Cleaning
- Cooking
- Laundering/ironing
- Shopping
- Dressing
- Eating/drinking
- Personal hygiene



This is not a full list.

Please contact us if you are not sure what you can pay for with ILF money. If you employ a personal assistant (PA) some costs will be added to the wages you pay, such as employers National Insurance contributions and holiday pay— please see leaflet 10.

When you are out and about

If the ILF assessor says you need personal care when you are out and about socialising, in education or at work, you can use ILF money to pay for that personal care too.

ILF money cannot be used to pay for personal care and domestic assistance provided by a relative who lives with you

A relative is your:

- partner;
- parent, child, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or sibling; or the partner of any of these people
- step-relations or their partners
- partner's parent, child, grandchild, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or sibling or any of their partners

You can use the ILF money to pay a relative to provide personal and domestic assistance as long as they do not live with you.



Don't get into debt

If you do use ILF money to pay a relative living in the same house as you, you will have to pay the money back.



What cannot be paid for

You cannot use our money to pay for -

- Care provided by a relative who lives with you
- Any care provided by social services
- Maintaining your home or paying bills
- Gardening
- Petrol, taxi fares and travel expenses
- Holidays; childcare
- Private hospitals or residential care
- Equipment, including wheelchairs
- Adapting your home
- Hairdressing, chiropody (foot care) and physiotherapy

This is not a full list. Please phone us if you are not sure what things you cannot use the money for.

Childcare costs

ILF money cannot be used to help with the cost of childcare. The money is for you to employ PAs and cannot be used for any other member of the family, even if they need care. If you need support to help you care for your child, you should discuss this with your social worker.