

Independent Living Funds appoints new Chief Executive

The Independent Living Funds (ILF) is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Chief Executive.

Patrick Boyle will commence his new role in January 2009. He is currently chief executive and accounting officer at The Rent Service, an executive agency of the Department for Work and Pensions.

Patrick Boyle said, "I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead the ILF in its mission to make independent living a reality for disabled people. I look forward to working with ILF Trustees, staff and stakeholders and disabled people themselves to take the ILF forward to the next stage of its development."

During his career Mr Boyle has held a number of senior executive positions in the NHS and also spent time as a chief officer in local Government. More recently as a senior civil servant in the Communities and Local Government Department he led the programme to establish the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Chair of the ILF Trustees, Stephen Jack, said, "We are looking forward to working with Patrick. His energy and drive combined with his wide experience working as chief executive in central and local government and the NHS will be a huge benefit to the organisation."

Elaine Morton stepped down as chief executive in July 2008 after nine successful years. ILF's Finance Director, Gary Stephenson, will continue to fill the position of interim chief executive until January.

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Notes to Editors

- The ILF's Board of Trustees has managed the recruitment process and the Secretary of State has approved the appointment.
- The ILF provides financial assistance under the terms of a single publicly financed discretionary Trust Deed – The Independent Living Fund (2006), governed by a Board of nine Trustees.
- The ILF is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). It awards payments to severely disabled people to support the cost of their personal care and/or domestic assistance. To get payments from the ILF you have to meet certain conditions.
- The ILF currently provides financial support to over 21,000 disabled people in the UK allowing the opportunity for full inclusion in society.
- The budget allocated to the ILF for the financial years 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 for Great Britain are £343m, £351m and £359m respectively. The allocated budgets for Northern Ireland in 08/09, 09/10 and 10/11 are £10.05m, £10.7m and £11.2m respectively.
- For further information about the ILF visit www.ilf.org.uk