

User Profile Analysis at 31 March 2005

We manage two separate Funds: the Extension Fund continues to support the clients of the original Independent Living Fund which closed on 31 March 1993; the 1993 Fund receives new applications since 1 April 1993. The combined number of Users of both Funds at 31 March 2005 was 17,028 and this caseload is analysed in the tables below; at that date the 1993 Fund had 1,009 applications in progress, plus 891 offers of financial assistance awaiting take-up.

1 Analysis by Fund

There is a combined administration managing the two Funds, but separate figures for each Fund are maintained for policy application and accounting purposes.

1993 Fund	11,411	67.0%
Extension Fund	5,617	33.0%
Total	17,028	

2 Analysis by gender

Female	8,845	51.9%
Male	8,183	48.1%
Total	17,028	

3 Analysis by age

The 1993 Fund receives applications from disabled people between the age of 16 and 65 but awards can continue in payment as long as the need for financial support continues; the Extension Fund took on users of all ages from the original ILF.

Up to 25 yrs	2,431	14.3%
26 - 35 yrs	3,634	21.3%
36 - 45 yrs	3,949	23.2%
46 - 55 yrs	3,105	18.2%
56 - 65 yrs	2,539	14.9%
66 yrs and over	1,370	8.0%
Total	17,028	

4 Analysis by ethnicity (partial information)

We are collecting information on ethnicity on a voluntary basis, in order to actively meet the provisions of the Race Relations Act. Percentages are shown of the full caseload and of those who have provided information to date.

			respondents
White	7,021	41.2%	93.0%
Black (inc Afro-Caribbean)	133	0.8%	1.8%
Asian (inc Indian & Pakistani)	251	1.5%	3.3%
Mixed	85	0.5%	1.1%
Other	58	0.3%	0.8%
Not available	9,480	55.7%	
Total	17,028		

5 Analysis by household

With parent(s)	6,458	37.9%
Lives alone	5,002	29.4%
With spouse	2,628	15.4%
With adult child(ren)	369	1.6%
Lone parent	272	2.2%
Other	2,299	13.5%
Total	17,028	

6 Income Support & Pension Credit

If a User receives Income Support or Pension Guarantee Credit, a simplified means test is applied; only the Severe Disability Premium and 50% of Disability Living Allowance (Care component) are taken into account in the assessment.

Receives Income Support	12,141	71.3%
Receives Pension Credit	1,850	10.9%
Receives neither benefit	3,037	17.8%
Total	17,028	

7 Current weekly Award

From April 2004 the maximum amount normal award was £420 pw for 1993 Fund (increased from £395 pw) and £715 pw for Extension Fund (increased from £665 pw); award bands are shown separately for each Fund.

none current *	764	4.5%	93 Fund 11,411
up to £100	979	5.7%	
£100 - £200	2,296	13.5%	
£200 - £300	2,755	16.2%	
£300 - £400	4,224	24.8%	
over £400	393	2.3%	
none current *	367	2.2%	Ext Fund 5,617
up to £100	1,437	8.4%	
£100 - £200	1,350	7.9%	
£200 - £300	784	4.6%	
£300 - £400	554	3.3%	
£400 - £500	339	2.0%	
£500 - £600	318	1.9%	
£600 - £700	371	2.2%	
over £700	97	0.6%	
Total	17,028		

* award suspended, or payments made on receipt of invoices for variable care

8 Recorded impairment information

We do not promote the medical model of disability; this information is supplied because there is interest from social services and support groups on the accessibility of the ILF to people with needs arising from various impairments.

Severe learning disability	5,157	30.3%
Cerebral palsy	2,452	14.4%
Multiple sclerosis	2,348	13.8%
Spinal injury	1,213	7.1%
Brain damage	815	4.8%
Arthritis	728	4.3%
Cerebro-vascular disease	722	4.2%
Other *	3,593	21.1%
Total	17,028	

* some further analysis is available on request