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Dear Colleague

Over the past 27 years the Independent Living Fund (ILF) has provided support to over 46,000 disabled people. Since 1988, the organisation has been able to develop a significant body of expertise and learning regarding independent living support.

“Twenty-seven” presents this learning through a series of articles, each penned by a different author, and captures 27 distinct learning points about how the organisation operated and what worked well.

James Sanderson, CEO of the ILF said “Before we close on 30 June 2015, our Trustees and Executive team wanted to ensure that we captured our intellectual capital in order that our learning could be used by others operating in the field of independent living support for disabled people.”

James went on to say “Thank you to all those who contributed to the publication especially ILF staff, assessors and partners of the ILF over the past 27 years.”

Please follow the link to read the publication: - [“twenty-seven-independent-living-fund-report.pdf”](#) . We hope that it will be useful and please do feel free to share it with colleagues.

In the run up to closure the ILF has written to each ILF users at the 6-month, 3-month and 1-month point in line with the ILF Communication Plan. Following the final 1-month notice letter we continue to receive calls for users and their advocates. Common themes include concern that users expect a decrease in their support package following ILF closure and that they haven’t heard from their local authority. Where possible we have tried to support users to contact their local authority for advice and information.

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We understand from conversations with many local authorities that some plan to ring-fence the Section 31 grant from Department Communities and Local Government for ILF users specifically. Some plan to use the funding more widely for adult social care in general. Obviously these will be decisions to be made by each local authority at a local level and we will continue to support local authorities with enquiries regarding the ILF until closure on 30 June.

We hope that we have helped to prepare you for transfer and if you have any concerns please do contact us.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Harris', written in a cursive style.

Jesse Harris
Social Work Director, ILF