

**Policy Circular**

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**Please note: The ILF announced on 17 June 2010 that it is unable to accept any further new applications during the financial year 2010-11**

**1.0 Background**

ILF users and applicants often attend either Local Authority (LA) run or private Day Centres for the purposes of meeting their needs in respect of Qualifying Support and Services (QSS).

The ILF is often asked to provide funding towards these arrangements and the LA often include day centre provision within the threshold sum.

**2.0 Policy**

**2.1 Local Authority Funded Day Centres**

Local Authority Funded day centres that meet a user's QSS needs can form part of the LA contribution. They cannot normally be paid for with an ILF award. Transport to and from the day centre can form part of the LA input in line with the QSS policy.

## **2.2 1:1 Care**

The ILF can consider including the cost of 1:1 care whilst the user attends an LA funded day centre providing:

- there is a clear need for the extra care,
- the care is beyond the scope of the LA day centre to provide,
- the 1:1 care is not provided by a LA employee,
- the particular day centre is the best option for meeting the QSS needs of the individual user even though additional 1:1 support is required and
- the user agrees that this is the best option for them.

The ILF cannot fund 1:1 care where the need is due to the LA directly or indirectly reducing its previous provision.

## **2.3 Private Day Centres**

The ILF can consider funding the cost of a private day centre where the user has chosen this and it is the best option for meeting their QSS needs.

The ILF can consider paying towards any escort element a user requires in respect of QSS, included within a transport cost, however the 2006 Deed does not allow the ILF award to include payment of the actual cost of transport to and from a private day centre.

## **3.0 Source**

ILF 2006 Trust Deed

## **4.0 Cross References**

Qualifying Support and Services

Changes to LA provision against changes in cost (archived)

## **5.0 Date Reviewed**

25 March 2008

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