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Dear #

We wrote to you on 18 December 2012 to tell you that following the Government's consultation on the future of the Independent Living Fund (ILF), the Minister for Disabled People announced that on 31 March 2015 the ILF will close. From that date local authorities in England will have responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users. This also means that on 31 March 2015 ILF payments will stop.

We appreciate that you may have concerns but would like to reassure you that this decision will have no immediate impact upon the funding you receive from the ILF. As long as you continue to meet our eligibility criteria, we are committed to maintaining the support that we give you up to 31 March 2015.

Since the Minister's decision we have worked in partnership with Government, local authorities, organisations that support disabled people and their carers and above all ILF users, to develop a programme which is aimed at supporting you through the period up to transfer on 31 March 2015.

As part of this programme we plan to visit all of our users by the end of December 2014. These visits will give you the opportunity to discuss your care and support needs and independent living outcomes with an ILF assessor. The visit will also be an opportunity for you to talk to one of our assessors and a local authority social worker about how any future changes to your support may be managed.

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Following our visit we will send you a detailed transfer support plan for the period up to 31 March 2015. This plan will set out your ILF funding and a record of the independent living outcomes that you identified at the visit.

We will continue to communicate important information to you, and it remains our priority during the next two years to continue to provide you with the highest level of service we are able and your ILF caseworker will be able to assist you in the normal way should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Sanderson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Sanderson
Chief Executive