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This was completed as a group - I self advocates. We had 1 facilitator who
WITH COMPLIMENTS doesn't have a learning disability and an interpreter who also
doesn't have an L.D - none of us could work out what some of the questions meant,
or what sort of answer you were looking for. The group suggested you may
want to re-think the 'easy read' symbol on the front, because they found
it very difficult.

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Question 2

At the moment, people get some help from the Independent Living Fund and some help from local councils.

What big challenges would people have to deal with if only local councils are meeting their care and support needs?
How can we make this easier for people?

What if the local council doesn't think you need as much help as the ILF think you need? You could get less money!

It may be more expensive for the councils to do it - cost of assessing everyone etc

Will different councils have different rules? Will that mean it will depend on where you live as to how much you get?

The local councils are good at wasting money, so I don't think I trust them to spend the money properly.

The questions

Question 1

From 2015, the government wants disabled people's care and support needs to be paid for by local councils and will give councils extra money to meet the needs of Independent Living Fund users. This would mean the end of the Independent Living Fund in 2015. Do you agree with this?

No - ~~HH~~ IIII

Yes -

If it works the same as it does now it shouldn't make any difference where it comes from. Better to leave it as it is - it would be difficult for us to fill in new forms & to understand the new system. Why don't the government just give the money to the I.L.F. instead of local councils?

The difficulty may be in letting people know - I'm deaf and disabled in other ways too



If we closed the Independent Living Fund, how would this affect local councils and how will it affect care and support services?

Question does not make sense!
What are you talking about!



The future of the Independent Living Fund Tell us what you think

Question 4

Some people, who have been getting help from the Independent Living Fund since before 1993, do not get any help from their local council.

What will we find hard when trying to make sure that these people can use all the local council's services and get help with their **care and support** needs?

How can we make sure this happens?

What does that even mean? What help?
We don't understand the question - surely there will be no difficulty as they will still be meeting their care & support needs? No? Surely they've been continuously assessed.

Question 5

What is the best way for the Department for Work and Pensions, the Independent Living Fund and the local councils to work with and talk to the Independent Living Fund users between now and 2015?

How can the Independent Living Fund work with each local council if the government decides to close down the Independent Living Fund?

They should come and visit people in their homes.
I wouldn't want to go to a big meeting to talk about
it because it's private - everybody is different

How are we supposed to know how one organisation communicates with another



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Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the things that have been written in this booklet?

Go back to the drawing board!
How is this easy read!
They write in riddles!



Replying to the questions

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Please make sure that we get your reply by 10 October 2012.





Word list

Care and support

Care and support are the services and other things that help people live full, independent, active and healthy lives. . . .6

Independent Living Fund

This is money for disabled people who need extra help to keep living at home.5

Personal budget

This tells a disabled person how much money they can spend on their **care and support** services. It also shows how the personal budget was worked out7



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