



## **Summary of Independent Living Fund open day**

### **Date of when & where the event was held:**

The event was held on Thursday 09<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at the premises of Imagineer Development CIC.

### **What was the aim of the event:**

The aim of this event was to inform individuals about the changes to the Independent Living Fund payments & how different local authorities would manage the support/care packages of individuals after the Independent Living Fund (ILF) closes in June 2015.

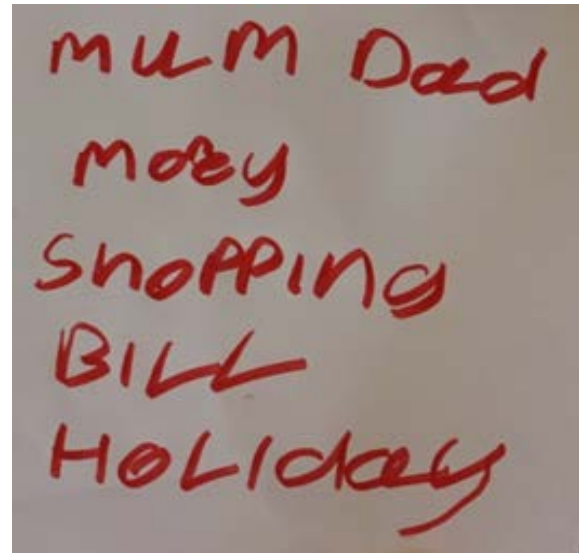
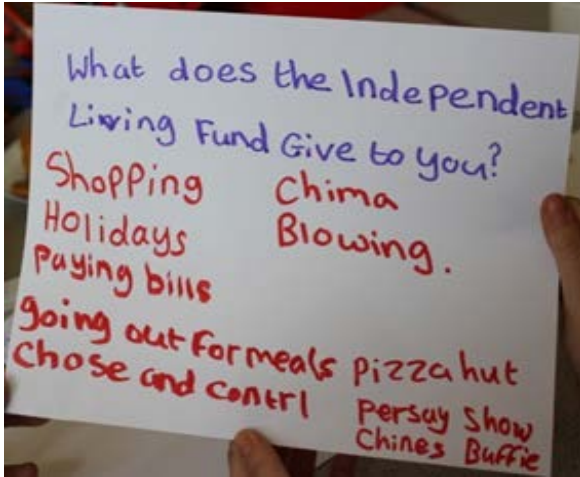
Another aim of the event was to gain an understanding from a service user perspective about what these payments mean to individuals & the negative impact it would have on people if they do not receive support with their care/support packages after July 2015.

One of the reasons to why Imagineer Development CIC arranged this event was because local authorities did not make it clear to how they would support people after June 2015, which left many individuals who Imagineer Development CIC works with confused & stressed.

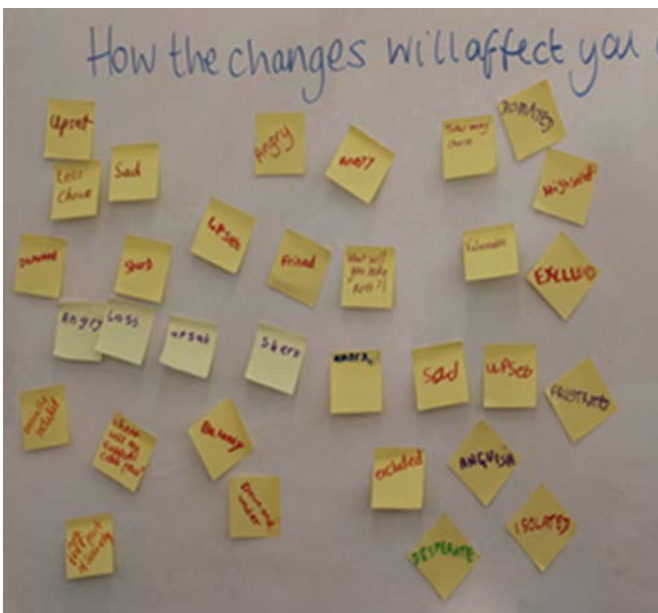
## **What was covered during the Day:**

- ❖ Attendees were informed about what the Independent Living Fund payments are & how these payments support people with physical & learning disabilities on a daily basis
- ❖ Attendees were empowered to come up with ideas & thoughts about what they think the Independent Living Fund (ILF) helps them to do on a daily basis.
- ❖ Attendees had the opportunity to discuss the statements from the Learning Disability Alliance (LDA) with other individuals & made comments about what they think & feel About the statements
- ❖ Attendees had the opportunity to watch a video & express what they feel or think about the changes to the Independent Living Fund (ILF) Payments closing & the negative impact it would have on individuals in the video who receive the payments currently.
- ❖ At the end of the session, Attendees had the opportunity to work in small groups & to design their own posters expressing their concerns about the closing to the ILF payments and what negative impact the payments would have upon her
- ❖ Attendees were given copies of the letters which the Imagineer Development CIC received from local authorities outlining how they would deal with the proposed changes to the payments from July 2015

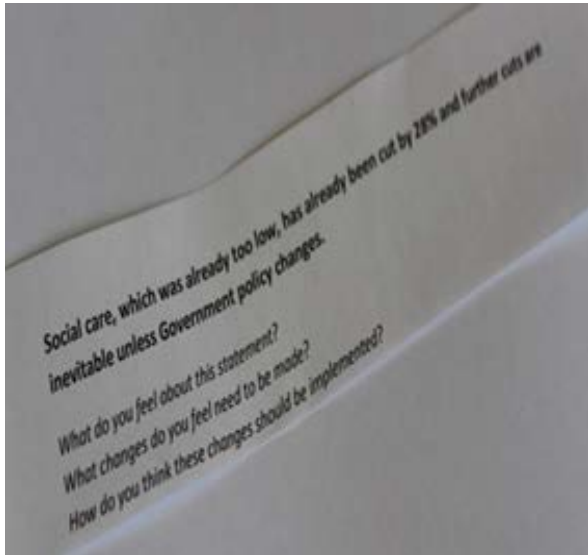
Individuals got involved in an activity and expressed their views about what the Independent Living Fund (ILF) payments give to them & how the payments help them on a daily basis.



Another activity which individuals were given was to express their feelings & thoughts in relation to the Independent Living Fund (ILF) payments.

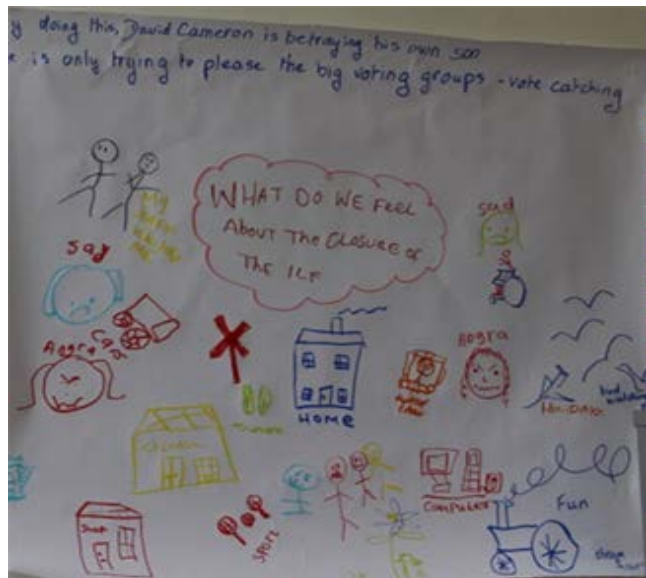


Individuals were given some of the statements from the Learning Disability Alliance & were asked if they agree with the statement & also were empowered to express their views, thoughts & feelings about the statements



These images show evidence how individuals used creativity to describe what they feel or think about the changes to the Independent Living Fund Payments which would have a negative impact on them. These are the poster which individuals created during the session





## Feedback from service users/carers

- *'Learned a lot about the Independent Living Fund (ILF) Payments'*
- *'Enjoyed designing posters'*
- *'Sad & upset because the Independent Living Fund (ILF) Will be closing'*
- *'It will make people feel sad & lonely'*
- *'I enjoyed it and learnt a lot and got a lot of information and I love to come again'*
- *'Nice, enjoyed the session'*
- *'It gave me the chance to express my thoughts & feelings about the Independent Living Fund (ILF) Payments'*