

Independent Living Fund appoints Chief Operating Officer

The Independent Living Fund (ILF) is pleased to announce the appointment of James Sanderson as its Chief Operating Officer.

James commenced this new position, which also incorporates the role of Deputy Chief Executive, from 1 April 2009. The role of Chief Operating Officer has been introduced to ensure that the ILF continues to deliver excellent standards of service to its users.

On his appointment James commented, “I am very pleased to have this new opportunity and I am committed to ensuring that we continue deliver the most efficient and effective service to our users.”

James oversees all of the operational teams responsible for processing applications and payments to ILF users. All staff and resources involved in delivering a single application process to ILF users have been drawn together creating greater capacity to improve and develop services. James is supported in this new role by the leadership of John Denore, Service Delivery Director and Jesse Harris, Social Work Director.

Patrick Boyle, ILF Chief Executive said, “James’ wide-ranging experience of working in various areas of the business means he is extremely well placed to perform strongly in this new role.

“He is a well-respected member of the Senior Management Board and his track record in delivering results speaks for itself.”

James lives with his wife and two children in Southwell, Nottinghamshire. He enjoys spending time travelling with his family and listening to his large music collection.

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Notes to Editors

- 1 The Independent Living Fund (ILF) is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body of the Department for Work and Pensions. It awards payments to severely disabled people to support the cost of their personal care and/or domestic assistance. To get payments from the ILF you have to meet certain conditions.
- 2 The ILF provides financial assistance under the terms of a single publicly financed discretionary Trust Deed – The Independent Living Fund (2006), governed by a Board of nine Trustees.
- 3 The ILF currently provides financial support to over 21,000 disabled people in the UK allowing them opportunities to be fully included in their communities.
- 4 The budget allocated to the ILF for the financial years 09/10 and 10/11 for Great Britain are £340m and £356m respectively. The allocated budgets for Northern Ireland in 09/10 and 10/11 are £10.7m and £11.2m respectively.
- 5 For more information about the ILF visit www.ilf.org.uk