

DPAC: Well, it's [the ILF] is being closed completely. But she's saying it is part of your remit and you're telling me that you know nothing about it.

BURNHAM: No, no I do know about the ILF, but it's not, not directly, it's not my policy responsibility right now.

DPAC: But they're saying that they're going to close it, because you're saying that this new integrated health and social care system...which would be wonderful, possibly in five years' time...

BURNHAM: ... right, but what happens in the interim.

DPAC: ...what happens in the interim.

BURNHAM: Well, I think there's got to be protections given for people put in, for claimants of ILF...

DPAC: So, so – why is Labour closing it?

BURNHAM: What? As I say, it's not my policy area...

DPAC: So it's not your policy area...?

BURNHAM: I can only speak for my area, for my policy area at the moment. But I don't know what the transitional arrangements are...

DPAC: There aren't any.

BURNHAM: How many claimants are there...you've got about 15,000, no 50,000 claimants...?

ILF RECIPIENT: 18,000...

BURNHAM: 18,000, sorry...

ILF RECIPIENT: In Birmingham, we've managed to get it ringfenced...

DPAC: It's only in England it's closing. It's being kept open in every other nation in the UK.

BURNHAM: I'll have a meeting, a proper meeting with you on it because I've got to go to the hall now...

DPAC: Okay, would you allow us to come and meet with you with Inclusion London?

BURNHAM: Yes. I'm not being evasive. It's just an area that they're working on and I'm not....

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