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# Lasting Powers of Attorney

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# What are Lasting Powers of Attorney

Lasting Powers of Attorney ('LPAs') appoint one or more trusted people who can act on your behalf and make decisions in your best interests, should you not be able to do so at any point in the future. There are two different types, which give your Attorneys different powers, known as:

- Property and Financial Affairs LPAs; and
- Health and Welfare LPAs.

Property and Financial Affairs LPAs give your Attorneys (your Attorneys are the people you have chosen to deal with your affairs) the power to deal with property, such as your house, bank accounts and investments.

Health and Welfare LPAs give your Attorneys the power to make decisions relating to your care, medical treatment and personal welfare. You have the option to allow your Attorneys to make Life Sustaining Treatment Decisions on your behalf or you may specify that you **do not** want them to be able to make such decisions.

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# Why Make a Lasting Power of Attorney?

If you were to lose mental capacity due, for instance, to a stroke, dementia or car accident, then who would you want deal with your affairs?

Who would pay your bills and who would contact organisations on your behalf?

If you became seriously unwell, who would you want to make decisions regarding your care and treatment?

If you don't have Lasting Powers of Attorney set up, then your loved ones will not be able to access accounts/ contact organisations, and their wishes for you will not carry the same weight as if an LPA were in place.

# When?

Now, whilst you still have mental capacity and are able to do so! You can't make an LPA once you've lost capacity

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and the process of applying for someone to deal with your affairs once you have lost mental capacity is very lengthy, costly and distressing, as it will require a court order from the Court of Protection.

## What if a relative has lost mental capacity and hasn't made a Lasting Power of Attorney?

If a relative or close friend has lost mental capacity and doesn't have an LPA, we are still able to help. We are able to apply for a Deputyship order from the Court of Protection on your behalf. A Deputy is like an Attorney but has more limited powers and is more closely monitored by the Court.

We do offer very competitive fees but Court of Protection work is always time consuming and always involves more expense than making LPAs, which is why we always recommend that clients simply make LPAs whilst they are still in good enough health.

# Other Services

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