

FEES

Lasting Power of Attorney (each type)	*£105
Reductions available if more than one is required	
General Power of Attorney	£65

*Depending upon your financial circumstances, a fee of £82 for each registration may be payable to the OPG

OTHER SERVICES

Single Will	£70
Joint Wills (per couple)	£105
Alterations to wills for existing clients	
Single	£25
Joint	£35
Protective Property Trust (in will)	£35
Standard Probate Service	**£245

** For net estates over £5,000, a fee of £215 is payable to the Probate Office

HOW WE WORK

Your legal documents are extremely important so we take great care to ensure that they are created accurately and to your satisfaction. We arrange two meetings, the first to discuss your concerns and requirements and the second to deliver your documents and to explain the meaning of each clause. When necessary, we will also act as a witness to ensure that your documents are active immediately.

HOW OUR 10 POINT GUARANTEE MAKES US DIFFERENT

- There is a clear pricing structure
- We do not charge at an hourly rate
- There is no VAT charge
- We do not appoint ourselves as executors or attorneys
- We personally deliver your documents
- Appointments are held in your home
- Evening appointments are available
- We explain the document wording
- We review your arrangements yearly
- We do not charge to store documents

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PREPARE FOR INCAPACITY

APPOINT AN ATTORNEY



An introduction to protecting your property and financial affairs and your health and welfare should you lose mental capacity

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INTRODUCTION

There may come a time when you become incapable of managing your property and financial affairs or your health and welfare. By legally appointing a relative or friend as your attorney in a “Lasting Power of Attorney” before this occurs, you can ensure that someone you trust will be able to act on your behalf, and in your best interests, if you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

There may also come a time when you need someone to look after your affairs while you are ill or away. In these circumstances, you can make a “General Power of Attorney”.

Should you become incapacitated without Powers of Attorney prepared, your family may need to apply to the Court of Protection to be able to make decisions for you.

LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY (LPA)

This is a legal document that you allow you to appoint someone you trust as an “Attorney” to make decisions on your behalf. The documents can give clear instructions, restrictions and guidance so that your wishes are adhered to.

It can be drawn up at any time while you still have mental capacity, but has no legal standing until registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). You can create two types of LPA:

- Property and Financial Affairs
- Health & Welfare

PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS LPA

This allows you to choose someone to make decisions about how to manage your money, property and business if you lack capacity. It can also be used to give someone authority to pay bills or to collect your benefits if you are unable to leave your home easily. A Property and Financial Affairs LPA can be used at any time whether you have mental capacity to act for yourself or not.

HEALTH AND WELFARE LPA

This allows you to choose someone to make decisions about your healthcare and welfare. This includes ensuring that you do not receive life-sustaining treatment following an accident or serious illness if it is your written wish not to do so. These decisions can only be taken when the LPA has been registered and you lack capacity to make decisions for yourself. Your attorney must refer to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 which provides the relevant guidance regarding when and how a Health and Welfare LPA can be used.

SAFEGUARDS

An LPA cannot be used until it has been registered with the OPG. Either you or your attorney(s) can apply to do so at any time after the LPA application forms have been completed. However, the process includes measures to ensure that an attorney cannot abuse your trust. You are able to appoint a friend as a “certificate provider” who confirms that you have not been pressurised into appointing the attorney. They must also confirm that you are completely aware of the powers that you have given and any restrictions and conditions that must be obeyed. Furthermore, you can appoint “persons to be told” who will be notified when an application to register the LPA is made. If such persons can prove that the attorney is not fit to carry out the role, the registration will not be completed.

GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY (GPA)

This document is used when you want someone to act on your behalf for only a set period of time (eg. if you are going abroad or into hospital). It applies only to your property and financial affairs and cannot be used to authorise someone to make decisions concerning your personal welfare.

CANCELLING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

You can cancel your LPA at any time if you have the mental capacity to do so. If there is a dispute about whether your LPA has been cancelled, the Court of Protection has the authority to make a ruling.

A Property and Financial Affairs LPA is revoked if your attorney becomes bankrupt but bankruptcy does not terminate a Health and Welfare LPA

A General Power of Attorney is automatically annulled if you become mentally incapable or by death or bankruptcy of the attorney. Otherwise, it remains valid until it is revoked.

FEES, EXEMPTIONS AND REMISSIONS

The Office of the Public Guardian charge a fee of £82 to register each LPA. However, you may be eligible for a fee exemption if you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits. Alternatively, you may also be eligible for a fee remission of 50% if you can prove that your annual income is less than £12,000



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