



# Lasting Power of Attorney

A Lasting Power of Attorney commonly referred to as an LPA is a legal document that allows you to appoint an attorney or attorneys to make decisions on your behalf when you may not be able to so.

There are two types of Lasting Powers of Attorney:

## Property and Finance

This type of Lasting Power of Attorney enables your appointed attorney(s) to look after your financial affairs and any property that you may own. This particular LPA can be used immediately upon registration with your permission.

## Health and Welfare

This type of Lasting Power of Attorney allows your appointed attorney(s) to make decisions in respect of your health and welfare. For example decisions on what medical care you receive, your care home your daily routine and life sustaining treatment. This particular LPA can only be used when you are unable to make your own decisions.

It is possible to make both LPAs, however, in order to do so you must be 18 or over and have mental capacity (i.e. the ability to make decisions on your own behalf).

You are able to appoint a number of attorneys

providing they are all over the age of 18. You may wish to appoint a relative, solicitor, friend and or your spouse or children.

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a document used on your behalf whilst you are alive. It ceases to take effect on death and does not authorise your attorney(s) to act as your Executors and administer your estate.

Lasting Powers of Attorney are extremely useful documents and can be described as a good insurance policy. It may be that your attorney(s) never need use the document however; should you suddenly become unable to manage your affairs the document may prove very valuable.

In the event that you do not have a Lasting Power of Attorney set in place and that you are unable to manage your affairs it may be that you require a court – appointed deputy. This can be an extremely costly and time consuming process.

**If you would like to discuss making a Lasting Power of Attorney(s) please do not hesitate to contact our office and we would be happy to make you an appointment to see a member of our Private Client Department.**

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