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# Making a Lasting Power of Attorney

Information Questionnaire

Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) allow you to make advance arrangements to ensure that if an accident or illness were to affect your mental capacity to act or make decisions for yourself, your personal and business affairs and/or your health and welfare are attended to by a person or persons of your choosing. Without an LPA a Court application has to be made to appoint a Deputy. The person(s) named as Deputy are chosen by the Court and not by the Donor

#### There are two types of LPA and you can choose to make one type or both

#### LPA for Health & Welfare

These documents allow the named Attorney(s) to make decisions on behalf of the Donor regarding his or her health and welfare which can include, where appropriate, medical treatment decisions.

This type of LPA allows your attorney(s) to make decisions, such as

- where you live
- your day-to-day care
- medical treatments
- if you so choose it can also allow your attorney(s)
   to give or refuse consent to life sustaining treatment

#### LPA for Property & Financial Affairs

These documents are more akin to the EPAs that they have replaced. They give the named Attorney(s) the power to make decisions regarding the Donor's finances and property.

This type of LPA allows your attorney(s) to make decisions, such as

- paying bills
- selling your property
- managing your bank accounts
- buying and selling investments
- collecting benefits and pensions

#### Points to note

- Once registered, the LPA for Property and Financial Affairs can be used straight away (with your permission if you have mental capacity) or following your loss of capacity. The LPA for Health and Welfare can only be used if you have lost mental capacity and cannot make decisions for yourself.
- LPAs must be signed by the Donor before he or she loses their mental capacity.
- LPAs cannot be used by the chosen Attorney(s) until they have been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.
- Registration can either take place immediately (i.e. whilst the Donor still has mental capacity) or can be delayed until a later date (i.e. until the Donor loses capacity and the LPA is needed).
- It will take around 3 months to register an LPA and the power cannot be used by the Attorney(s) during that registration process.
- LPAs must be certified by an independent third party (the Certificate Provider) before the Attorney(s) can sign to accept their appointment. The Certificate Provider must state that in his or her opinion the Donor has mental capacity to create the LPA and is not being subjected to any pressure from any other party to enter into the LPA.
- The Donor can revoke their LPA at any time provided that he or she still has the mental capacity to do so.
- The LPA for property and financial affairs is automatically revoked if either the Attorney(s) or the Donor are made bankrupt. However, bankruptcy does not affect the validity of an LPA for health and welfare.
- If the Donor names their spouse or civil partner as an Attorney then divorce or the dissolution of their civil partnership automatically revokes the LPA.

#### Costs

For one person to make one type of LPA	. £950 plus VAT (£1,140)
For one person to make both types of LPA	. £1,050 plus VAT (£1,260)
For two people to make one type of LPA	. £1,050 plus VAT (£1,260)
For two people to make both types of LPA	. £1,200 plus VAT (£1,440)

It is recommended that you register the document straight away so it is ready to be used if it is required. There is a registration fee of £92 per LPA payable to the Office of the Public Guardian.

### Lasting Power of Attorney – Questionnaire

This questionnaire gives us the information required to draw up your Lasting Powers of Attorney documents.

If you would like to create a LPA for Financial decisions, please complete sections 1 and 2.

If you would like to create a LPA for Health and Care decisions, please complete sections 1 and 3.

If you would like to create both types of Lasting Powers of Attorney, please complete ALL SECTIONS

SECTION 1 – o	Complete in all circumstance	5		
Your Details				
Title:		Full Name:		
Address:		Contact Details:		
		Day:		
		Evening:		
		Mobile:		
Email:		Are you happy for us to corr	respond and send drafts by email?	
		Yes No		
Occupation:		Date of Birth:		
Type of LPA required		Property & Financial	Health & Both Welfare	
Have you ever made ar	n Enduring Power of Attorney?	Yes	No	
If yes, did you appoint	anybody in this firm as your attorn	ey? Yes	No	
Have you ever made ar	Have you ever made an Advance Medical Decision (or Living Will)?  Yes  No			
Your Assets				
Please complete the sc	hedule below as fully as possible i	n order that we can advise you	in relation to your LPA(s)	
	In Your Name (£)	In Partner's Name (£)	In Joint Name (£)	
House				
Contents (market value)				
Shares				
Bank & Building Society Accounts				
Foreign Assets				
Other e.g. Business Assets, Life Policies				

Your Attorneys		
	actice to have more than one attorney. If you only a ney is on holiday or suffers ill health or even dies b	
	Attorney 1	Attorney 2
Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)		
Full Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
Relationship to you:		
Telephone number:		
Email address:		
Occupation:		
LPA - Would you like to use this attorney for both LPAs	Financial Health & Both Welfare	Financial Health & Both Welfare
	Attorney 3	Attorney 4
Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)		
Full Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
Relationship to you:		
Telephone number:		
Email address:		
Occupation:		
LPA - Would you like to use this attorney for both LPAs	Financial Health & Both Welfare	Financial Health & Both Welfare

#### Attorneys' Powers

If you are appointing more than one attorney - do you want your attorneys to act together ("jointly") at all times or are you happy for them to act independently? If you appoint them to act jointly and one of them dies or is otherwise unable to act, the power will cease. An independent appointment means any one or more of your appointed attorneys can act on your behalf.

I wish for my attorneys to act jointly

I wish for my attorneys to be able to act independently

Replacement Attor	rneys	
If all your attorneys are u	nable to act for any reason, the power will cease unless	you name substitute attorneys to take over their role.
	Replacement Attorney 1	Replacement Attorney 2
Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)		
Full Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
Relationship to you:		
Telephone number:		
Email address:		
Occupation:		
LPA - Would you like to use this attorney for both LPAs	Financial Health & Both Welfare	Financial Health & Both Welfare
	onal attorneys please provide details on a separate que	
Person(s) to be No	tified (only required if advised or if not registering LPA	immediately)
	Person 1	Person 2
Title: (Mr, Mrs, Ms etc.)		
Full Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Address:		
Telephone number:		
Email address:		

SECTION 2 – Complete for LPA for Financial Decisions
When do you want your attorneys to be able to make decisions?
As soon as my LPA has been registered
Only when I do not have mental capacity
Guidance and instructions to your attorneys
You can offer your attorneys any guidance when making decisions on your behalf. For example would you like them to ensure that your annual ISA allowance is used each year if you have normally done this. Note details of guidance here:
You can give attorneys instruction as to how you wish them to make decisions. Most people leave this blank but if you have any guidance or instructions you wish to give please write here:
SECTION 3 – Complete for LPA for Health and Care Decisions
Do you want your attorneys to be able to make the following decisions?
I want my attorney(s) to consent to or refuse life-sustaining treatment on my behalf
I wish my attorney(s) to have full access to my health records (access may be required to arrange care accommodation on your behalf )
Guidance and instructions to your attorneys
You can offer your attorneys guidance when making welfare decisions on your behalf. For example do you have any religious or personal beliefs they should consider? Note details for guidance here:  You can also include restrictions and instructions to your attorneys.