



THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRANGING A POWER OF ATTORNEY

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document that enables anyone aged 18 or over to choose one or more trusted friends, advisors or family members to make decisions on their behalf if and when they are unable to make the decisions for themselves.

Our Lasting Power of Attorney Service (LPA) will guide you through the whole process to ensure that the forms are completed correctly and ultimately giving you and your family peace of mind.

Using the service also helps raise funds directly for **Age Concern & Age UK**, we give a donation to your local branch.



Types of LPA

There are two different types of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), one for Property and Finance and the other for Health and Welfare. Each requiring the completion of a separate legal form. You can choose to put in place either one or both types of LPA.

LPA for Property and Financial Affairs. This enables your attorneys to make decisions regarding the management of your money and assets, such as paying bills, managing bank accounts, collecting benefits and pensions, or buying and selling investments and/or property on your behalf.

LPA for Health and Welfare. This enables your attorneys to make decisions which impact upon your medical condition and personal welfare such as where you live, your day-to-day care or specific medical treatments. If you so choose it can also allow your attorneys to give or refuse consent to life sustaining treatment on your behalf.

Why do you need a LPA?

If you do lose the mental capacity to make your own decisions, having a LPA in place means that your chosen attorneys are people that you trust to deal with your affairs for you. Without an LPA a deputy application would need to be made to the Court of Protection for them to designate somebody to act on your behalf. In addition to being a very time consuming and expensive process this also means that you may have no control over who is chosen to act as your deputy.

Once registered the LPA for Property and Financial Affairs can be used both under your authority, for example if you are out of the country on an extended holiday, illness, restricted activity or following your loss of mental capacity. The LPA for Health and Welfare can only be used by your attorneys if you have lost the mental capacity to make decisions for yourself.

Formalities of a LPA

LPA's can only be created when you still have your mental capacity. LPA's should be considered by people of all ages.

When completing your LPA you will need a 'certificate provider' who is required to go through your LPA with you before you sign it to ensure that you understand the document, that you have the mental capacity required to complete it and that you are not being put under any pressure to complete it.

Our LPA consultant will talk you clearly through the process, capture the relevant information and ask appropriate questions to ensure the documents are completed correctly.

To find out more about our Lasting Power of Attorney service or to book an appointment please call *Mark* on: 07710 725410

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**You can find information on all our other services at:
www.interprosolutions.co.uk/lpa-service**

Lasting Power of Attorney - Rates

1 x LPA ... £250

2 x LPA's ... £350

4 x LPA's ... £500

There is also a fee of £82 payable to the Office of the Public Guardian for each LPA.