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## Do I need a Power of Attorney?



Lasting Powers of Attorney give legal authority to someone to carry out formal activities on your behalf in circumstances such as old age, unexpected illness or an accident.

## What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (or LPA) appoints somebody to look after your affairs if you are no longer able to look after your affairs yourself. That person is called your attorney.

## Why should I put a Lasting Power of Attorney in place?

If you lose mental capacity, you may be unable to look after your financial affairs or make decisions about your health care and personal welfare. If you are in a care home and do not have an LPA in place, your relatives may struggle to access your bank accounts to pay for your care.

Unless you arrange a Lasting Power of Attorney whilst you have mental capacity, relatives need to apply to Court for the authority to look after your affairs for you. This Court process can be long and costly.

## I am young and healthy – do I need a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Young and healthy people can lose capacity as well as older people. For example through a stroke, a serious accident, mental health problems or alcohol misuse.

## Who can be an Attorney?

You can choose your own attorney, who should always be someone you like and trust. You need to appoint someone who is aged 18 or over and is not bankrupt or subject to a debt relief order.

## What is a Certificate Provider?

With both types of LPA you will need a Certificate Provider. This can be someone who you have known for at least two years or a relevant professional such as a solicitor or doctor. The Certificate Provider's role is to confirm that you understand what is involved in making your LPA and the practical effect of the document.

## Can the LPA be used straight away?

LPAs cannot be used by your attorney until they have been registered with an organisation called the Office of the Public Guardian. We can deal with the registration for you.

## How can Wrigleys help?

- Provide detailed advice about LPAs.
- Point out useful provisions to include that will make the administration of your affairs run as smoothly as possible for you and your attorney.
- Prepare the documents for you and help you to find a suitable Certificate Provider.
- Deal with the application for the LPA to be registered.
- Store the LPA for you **free of charge**.

It is unpleasant to imagine what our lives would be like if we lost mental capacity (for example through dementia, a stroke or a serious accident).

However, a Lasting Power of Attorney is a document that:

1. Helps you to stay in control of your affairs.
2. Can save time, money and inconvenience in the long run.

## The two types of Lasting Power of Attorney

### Property & Financial Affairs LPA

Deals with financial matters and gives your attorney the authority to make decisions about property, cash, investments and pensions.

### Health & Welfare LPA

Deals with your personal welfare and health care (including medical treatment) and gives your attorney the authority to make decisions about life support, where you live, your diet, dress, care and treatment.

## Pricing



Fixed prices available



Discounts for multiple LPAs

## What our clients say:

*“Your professionalism, efficiency and sensitivity have been much appreciated by me and my daughter.”*

*“What we thought when we walked into your office as a daunting task, with your input, has proved to be a much less complicated process.”*

## How will you work with me?

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You will be able to contact that solicitor directly by phone, email or meet with him or her if you prefer.

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