

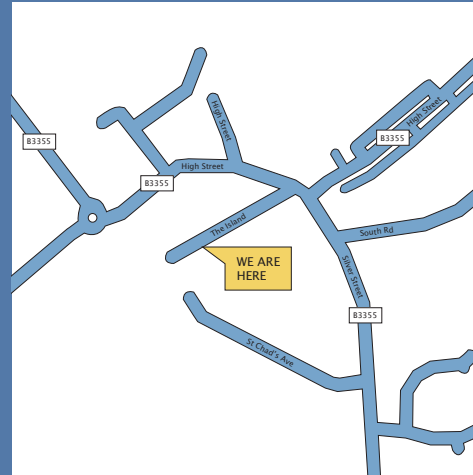


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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Lasting Power of Attorney

Making decisions for others...

“Why a Lasting Power of Attorney...?”

This country now has the highest ever level of life expectancy. A newborn boy can expect to reach the age of just over 77. For a newborn girl, the figure is 82.

However, an ageing population brings with it new challenges. Many more of us, our friends and our relatives simply become less able to deal with life either due to physical or mental incapacity. As public funding dries up, care of our elderly has now become a major issue for all of us.

Caring for the elderly can be extremely rewarding. However, we also understand that it can sometimes be stressful. This is where a Lasting Power of Attorney can help change lives.

Without a Lasting Power of Attorney in place, a lengthy and costly procedure will be necessary to appoint someone by order of the court. If this happens then you will have no control over who is ultimately in charge.

“What is a Lasting Power of Attorney...?”

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a document that gives a person legal authorisation to act on someone else's behalf.

There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), one which deals with property and financial affairs, the other with health and welfare.

An LPA dealing with property and financial affairs allows you to appoint someone of your choice to deal with your money and property in the event that you are either unable or unwilling to deal with matters yourself. This can include dealing with the buying or selling of investments or dealing with the sale of property.

An LPA dealing with health and welfare is exactly that. This allows you to choose who will deal with health issues when you can no longer do so. In particular, you could specify different types of treatment or special considerations if you became critically or terminally ill.

“How do I obtain a Lasting Power of Attorney...?”

As you will already have understood, a Lasting Power of Attorney is an extremely powerful document.

The only way to ensure that your full needs are met and that the person you want to deal with your affairs can indeed do this on your behalf, is to ensure that you have a properly and professionally drawn Lasting Power of Attorney.

This is where our team of specialist lawyers come in. They will give you sensitive and considered help and advice to provide the solution that is best for your family and yourself. Our lawyers are all experienced, friendly and sympathetic and will cut away the legal jargon so that you know and understand what is happening.

Before you commit yourself to anything, our legal team will give you free initial advice explaining what is involved, including the eventual costs so that you know exactly where you stand.

Lasting Power of Attorney. The power to change lives.