

## LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Considering what would happen if our ability to make decisions diminished can be uncomfortable and worrying. However, it is important to think about how difficult things would be without having appointed someone you trust to act with legal authority on your behalf.

Whilst many will automatically think of a person's finances when the subject of LPA's arises, there are actually two types of LPA to consider: Finance and Property, Health and Welfare. You can appoint multiple Attorneys and they can be the same for both types where appropriate.



A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) for Property and Finance is a legal document where someone (while they still have mental capacity) nominates a trusted friend, relative or a professional person to look after their affairs should they lose capacity. It is important to note that you are not automatically giving up control by making this document. There are options you can discuss with us as to the circumstances when you want the LPA for Property and Finances to be used.

The Health and Welfare LPA allows your chosen Attorney to make decisions over day-to-day healthcare and medical treatments, as well as deal with any health and social care establishments. Your Attorneys can only act on your behalf if you do not have capacity to make decisions for yourself under this type of LPA.

You can only set up a Lasting Power of Attorney when you have mental capacity. Once you have lost capacity, it's too late. There is no specific age when you should consider making a Power of Attorney but capacity can be lost at any age due to accident or illness. It is particularly important to act swiftly if you are diagnosed with a condition likely to cause diminished capacity over time.



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