

Lasting Power of Attorney



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What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document that allows someone to make decisions for you, or act on your behalf, if you're no longer able to or if you no longer want to make your own decisions.

Granted, it's not easy to think about a time when you won't be able to make your own decisions, but it can help to be prepared.

When is a Lasting Power of Attorney necessary?

There are a number of reasons why you might need someone to make decisions for you or act on your behalf:

- This could just be a temporary situation: for example, if you're in hospital and need help with everyday tasks such as paying bills.
- You may need to make longer-term plans if, for example, you have been diagnosed with dementia and you may lose the mental capacity to make your own decisions in the future.

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Mental capacity means the ability to make or communicate specificdecisions at the time they need to be made. To have mental capacity you must understand the decision you need to make, why you need to make it, and the likely outcome of your decision.

Some people will be able to make decisions about some things but not others. For example, they may be able to decide what to buy for dinner, but be unable to understand and arrange their home insurance. Alternatively, their ability to make decisions may change from day to day.

Telephone us for a free consultation where we will listen to your circumstances, discuss your needs and explain the possible next steps.

Home visits are available for elderly or infirm clients once we have been instructed to act of your behalf to write your Will.

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