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Most of us are able to deal with our own affairs. It is sensible to consider what will happen if at any time you are not able to manage your own affairs whether temporarily or permanently. This may become more important as you get older because there may come a time when you are not in a position to make your own decisions and need someone you trust to make decisions on your behalf.

Loss of capacity may occur at any age, as a result of accident or illness. It is not possible to create a power of attorney once you have lost mental capacity. If there is no power of attorney in place when an individual has lost capacity, there is a complicated process involved where an application has to be made to the Court of Protection to appoint a deputy to deal with the property and affairs and health and welfare issues of the person who has lost capacity.

## WHAT IS A LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY (LPA)?

An LPA is a document that appoints and gives authority to one or more persons to make decisions on another person's behalf.

## WHAT TYPE OF POWER OF ATTORNEY?

There are number of different types of power of attorneys. One which allows another person to deal with your financial and property affairs on a temporary basis and one which allows your attorney to deal with your affairs for the long term.



## WHAT KIND OF DECISIONS CAN MY ATTORNEY MAKE?

An appointed attorney can deal with your financial and property affairs or with health and welfare decisions on your behalf. HOW WE CAN ASSIST YOU We understand that it is a big step to give somebody else the power to deal with your affairs and we want you to fully understand the steps you decide to take.

When you come to meet us, we will talk you through the issues that you need to consider and help you to tailor a power of attorney to suit your personal requirements.

We can also help you with:

1. Registering enduring powers of attorney
2. Applications to the Court of Protection



**To book an appointment for further information please contact us.**

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