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Most people will find that, at some point, they will need help to manage their finances and they may also need assistance with decisions relating to health and welfare.

Help may be needed due to physical infirmity or loss of mental capacity. Mental capacity may be lost gradually as is usually the case with dementia or suddenly as a result of stroke, heart attack or injury. Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) allow you to decide who will assist you and who will make decisions for you if you cannot make decisions for yourself.

Property and Affairs LPAs

This LPA allows your Attorney to manage your property and finances. For example your Attorney may:

- Buy or sell property on your behalf.
- Open and close and operate bank/building society accounts and other investments.
- Claim and collect benefits and pensions on your behalf.
- Deal with your bills.

Health and Welfare LPAs

This LPA allows your Attorney to make decisions about medical treatment and other care decisions. This could include:

- Giving or refusing consent to medical treatment
- Deciding where you are to live or who is to provide the care you need.

Registration of LPAs

It is necessary for a Certificate to be signed by someone who is able to confirm that you understand the LPA and before the LPA can be used it must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. The registration process can take 2-4 months to complete or longer during busy periods. It is usually, therefore, advisable to register the LPA as soon as possible so that it is ready for use whenever it is needed.

Choosing the Attorneys

Attorneys must be over 18 and may be a family member, friend or even a solicitor. The person or people that you choose must have the necessary ability to look after your finances and to make informed and compassionate decisions about your care. It is essential that you choose someone who you believe to be completely honest as a dishonest attorney could abuse their power.

How many attorneys should I appoint?

It is sensible to appoint more than one Attorney but it is important that all of your chosen attorneys are able to work together and to co-operate with each other. Alternatively, you may choose to appoint only one attorney with one or more replacements who would step in if your original attorney became unable to continue.

Making decisions for you

If you are able to make a decision for yourself you can still ask your Attorney to help you to put the decision into effect e.g. to assist you by completing forms or by talking to someone on your behalf but where you are able to make a decision for yourself your Attorney should only act as you have instructed them.

Your Attorney should always assume that you have the ability to make a decision for yourself unless they have established that you cannot and, even if they do not believe that you are able to make a decision for yourself, your Attorney must still consult with you and take your views into account.

If it is difficult for you to make your own decision your Attorney should assist you as much as possible to help you to make that decision for yourself.

What would happen if I don't make an LPA?

If you do not make LPAs, then if you become unable to make decisions for yourself, Social Services, Doctors and even the Court of Protection may have to make decisions which they feel are in your best interests. A Power of Attorney allows you to choose who you would like to make decisions for you and gives your attorney the necessary legal authority to do so. You may only make an LPA if you are able to fully understand the extent of the power that you are giving to your Attorneys. If you wait until the LPA is needed it may be too late for you to make one as you may not have the necessary understanding to do so.

Enduring Powers of Attorney

Enduring Powers of Attorney (EPAs) made before 1 October 2007 are still valid but since that date no new EPAs can be made. You may also make an LPA for Health and Welfare to run alongside an existing EPA as EPAs only cover property and finances.