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Lasting Power of Attorney Service

Completion and registration of
Lasting Power of Attorney
documentation

Helping you to stay in control of your future

Why should I complete and register a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Anyone can lose the capacity to make decisions and arrangements for themselves. Although more frequent in old age, it is not just limited to older adults. We could be incapacitated suddenly at any time by a serious accident or health emergency.

In these cases, it would be difficult to pay bills, manage a bank account or let health professionals know your wishes about your care.

What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document that gives:

Authority for someone of your choice (Attorney) to take responsibility for your affairs if you suffer an accident, illness or other incapacity which means you are no longer able to manage your own affairs on a temporary or permanent basis.

Guidance to enable decisions to be made about your affairs based on your wishes.

Information about your wishes in respect of medical treatment or ongoing care.

Reassurance that your affairs can be managed without involvement of the Court of Protection

Comfort that someone you know and trust will care for you and your affairs

There are two types of LPA:

Property and Financial Affairs

This LPA allows your Attorney/s to deal with any decisions relating to your property or financial affairs. This can cover paying bills, dealing with the bank, collecting benefits, selling your house or giving instructions to solicitors.

Health and Welfare

A Health and Welfare LPA can only be activated if you are no longer able to make your own decisions and allows your Attorney/s to make decisions about treatment, care, medication, where you live and the care home you live in. It can even extend to whether you would like your attorney to make decisions relating to life sustaining treatment or not.

Who can make a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Anyone over 18 years of age who has mental capacity

How can we help?

Our consultants at South Lakeland Carers will:

Answer all your questions.

Explain the decisions you need to make (we will not offer advice).

Support you to complete the necessary registration documents.

Respond to any queries raised by the Office of the Public Guardian and register all documentation with them.

How much does it cost?

Please see our separate fee document.

When should I do it?

The sooner the better. It is advisable that every adult has LPAs in place.

What if it is too late for a Lasting Power of Attorney?

If the person applying to register on LPA may have already lost mental capacity, don't worry you will need to apply to the Court of Protection regarding decisions and we can refer you to colleagues in our legal team at Carlisle Carers or to local legal specialists who will be able to help you if you wish. Please ask our consultants for further information.

For further information please contact our LPA team at:

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