

People Involved

- Attorney(s) – the people who you want to make decisions for you. They do not have to have any legal knowledge or training but they will have to act in your best interests. You must have at least one attorney however, we advise you have two or more.
- Replacement Attorney(s) - you can appoint replacement attorneys if your original attorney(s) cannot act on your behalf any more.
- Certificate Provider - you must have a Certificate Provider. They certify you have the mental capacity to complete the form(s), you understand the implications of the form(s) and that you are not under any undue influence to complete the same. We will provide this service free of charge however, in some circumstances it may be more prudent for your GP to be appointed, although they might charge for this service. We will advise you of this, if applicable.
- Notified Person – this is an adult who knows you well. They can raise any concerns or objections about the registration of the form(s), if they have any. A Notified Person can be a family member or friend.

Fees

LPA		
One LPA (i.e. either a Financial Decision form or a Health and Care Decision form)	£285.00	
Two LPAs (i.e. two forms appointing the same attorneys)	£480.00	Saving £90.00
Four LPAs (i.e. for couples completing both Financial Decision forms and Health and Care Decision forms)	£885.00	Saving £255.00

The Registration Fee (unless reduced as below) is £110.00 per form. **Prices not including VAT.**

Fee Remission/Exemption

You can apply to have part or the entire Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee removed if you are on certain benefits or you earn less than £12,000.00 gross per annum. Details available on request.

We provide a package fee if you do a Will at the same time. Please ask for details.

Do you know how important Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA) are?

All our bank accounts are in joint names so we don't need a LPA

This is not always the case, what happens if one of you die and the survivor loses their capacity or if you both become incapacitated?

What are LPAs?

A power of attorney is the only way someone can look after you medically and financially if you have lost your mental capacity.

They are legal forms on which you can appoint the people who you want to look after you yourself.

My family will make any medical decisions for me because they are my next of kin

Not necessarily. Medical practitioners, care home staff and Social Services will always recognise a LPA. With a Health and Welfare Form your family will have a greater say in what care you

There are two forms:

Financial Decision – which means someone can look after your finances; and **Health and Care Decisions** – which allows a nominated person to make decisions on your behalf about medical treatments if you are not able to do so. This includes day to day living arrangements, care homes, medication and can include life sustaining treatment.

I am fit and healthy. Nothing is going to happen to me so I don't need to complete a LPA. If I feel ill I will think about it again

What happens if you have an accident or stroke? You might not be in a position to prepare one in the future

What happens if I do not have an LPA and I lose my capacity?

If you do not have the forms your family and/or friends will have to apply to the Court of Protection to look after you. Not only can this be time consuming but it is expensive.

Any family member or friend could apply to the Court, even if you did not get on well with them.

What's stopping you from making sure your paperwork is up to date?

Make things easier for your family so they will have less future stress or worry.

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