

LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY

Offering extra peace of mind as you plan your affairs

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What is a Lasting Power Attorney?

In an uncertain world, it's reassuring to know that our wishes will be respected even if we're not able to make our own decisions. That's why many people choose to create a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) to provide protection should an accident or ill health prevent them from making decisions in the future.

An LPA is a legal document that allows another person to make decisions about your wellbeing and affairs on your behalf. Appointing an Attorney before you need one gives you the peace of mind that your affairs will be managed how you want them to be. It's not possible to create an LPA once you're unable to make your own decisions so if you think you would like an LPA; it's something that should consider putting in place as soon as possible.

There are different types of LPAs depending on what areas of your life you would like an Attorney to have control of. To be valid, an LPA must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.

A Lasting Power of Attorney can only be appointed when you are capable so it is not something you can leave until such time as you need it. To ascertain that you are capable and in sound mind, you (as the donor) must appoint either someone who has known you personally for at least two years or a qualified professional to sign an LPA certificate confirming that you are of full mental capacity. Family members and other exclusions apply to who can sign this certificate for you.

At Jordans Solicitors we can help with all aspects of creating an LPA - from choosing an attorney and deciding what type of LPA is right for you to correctly registering the documentation.

What is the benefit?

This legal document that provides you with security and assurance that in the future, your affairs will be managed for your benefit only, backed up by a system which provides you with the safeguards you need in the future.

How much will it cost to make a Power of Attorney?

For one person

Lasting Power of Attorney
(either Financial or Health and Care)

Costs	£375.00
VAT	£75.00
Court Fee*	£92.00
Total	£542.00

Lasting Power of Attorney
(both Financial and Health and Care)

Costs	£700.00
VAT	£140.00
Court Fee*	£184.00
Total	£1024.00

For a couple

Lasting Power of Attorney
(either Financial or Health and Care)

Costs	£700.00
VAT	£140.00
Court Fee*	£184.00
Total	£1024.00

Lasting Power of Attorney
(both Financial and Health and Care)

Costs	£1200.00
VAT	£240.00
Court Fee*	£368.00
Total	£1,808.00

Court Fee* only applicable if you are registering the Power of Attorney(s). Fee exemption may be applicable in respect of Court fees. Saving* calculated on cost of unbundled services. Home Visits or professional certificate providers may incur additional fees.

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Types of Lasting Powers of Attorney

Health and Welfare Lasting Power of Attorney

Use this LPA to give an attorney the power to make decisions about things like:

- Your daily routine, for example washing, dressing, eating
- Medical care
- Moving into a care home
- Life-sustaining treatment
- It can only be used when you're unable to make your own decisions.

Property and Financial Affairs Lasting Power of Attorney

Use this LPA to give an attorney the power to make decisions about money and property for you like:

- Managing a bank or building society account
- Paying bills
- Collecting benefits or a pension
- Selling your home
- It can be used as soon as it's registered, with your permission.

What to consider when choosing your attorney(s)

When putting in place a Lasting Power of Attorney, the responsibility of their chosen attorneys if often underestimated. This is crucial to consider and can result in those who have been trusted to deal with their loved one's affairs finding they are unable to cope with the task.

It is common for people to choose a relative or close friend however; you can also ask a professional like a solicitor or accountant.

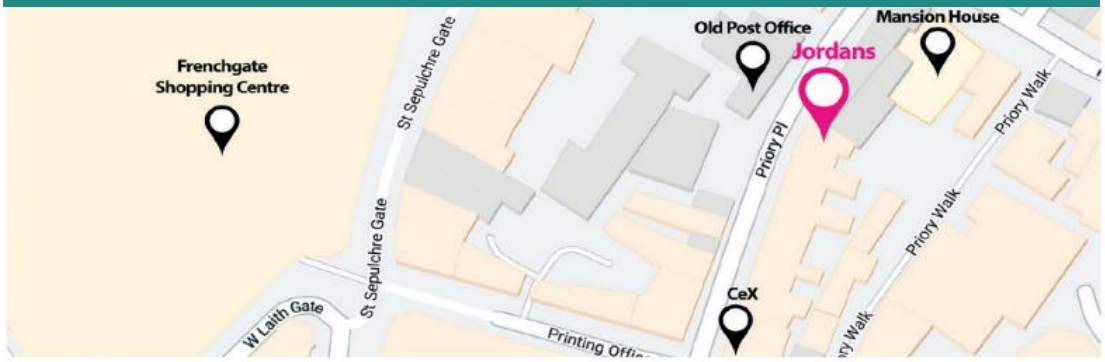
The following questions are crucial to consider when choosing attorney(s).

- Do they understand what will be required of them?
- Will the attorney(s) have the time necessary to manage my affairs?
- Do I require more than one attorney?
- Do they understand my finances?
- Can I trust in my attorney(s)?
- Will they always act in my best interests and know what I would want?
- If I choose more than one attorney, will they be able to work together?
- Are they over 18 and not bankrupt (interim or un-discharged)?
- Do they have the mental capacity needed to make decision for you?

It is also advisable to consider whether a replacement attorney should be appointed, who can step in for your first choice attorney should they be no longer able and/or willing to undertake the role.

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- Direct Lawyer Contact
- Free Initial Assessment
- Flexible Openings*
  *Contact your local office for availability
- Clear Price Guarantee
- Same-day Response

Next steps

Take advantage of our **Free Initial Assessment** to find out what suits your needs. To get in touch, call us on **01302 365 374** or email your query to **info@jordansllp.com** to receive a response from one of our experts

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