



Premier Care are pleased to advise that they are now able to assist with completing and registering Last Powers of Attorneys.

WHAT IS LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY

Before 1 October 2007, it was possible to make an enduring power of attorney (EPA) to manage someone's property or financial affairs. An EPA could be used before someone lost their mental capacity or after they lost their mental capacity once the EPA had been registered.

It is no longer possible to make a new EPA. However, if an EPA was made before 1 October 2007, it can still be registered and, if it is already registered, it will still be valid.

If you want to ensure that your affairs are managed in the event that you lose mental capacity and you do not already have an EPA, a lasting power of attorney should be used.

A lasting power of attorney known as an LPA is a legal document that lets you appoint one or more people to help you make decisions or to make decisions on your behalf.

This gives you more control over what happens to you if you have an accident or an illness and cannot make your own decisions (you 'lack mental capacity').

You should make an LPA if you have been diagnosed with, or think you might develop, an illness which might prevent you from making decisions for yourself at some time in the future.

You must have mental capacity, the ability to make your own decisions, when you make your LPA.

There are two types of LPA as follows:-

- Health and Welfare
- Property and Financial Affairs

You can choose to make one type or both.

Health and Welfare

This LPA is used 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 are unable to make your own decisions.

Property and Financial Affairs

This LPA is used to give an attorney the power to make decisions about money and property for you, for example:

- 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 is registered, with your permission.

**Please contact Teri Dell on 01342 833101 for fees
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