

Lasting Powers of Attorney the Process

We know, that for some, the creation of a Lasting Power of Attorney can be a daunting experience.

That is why when you choose to work with Bennett Griffin our dedicated experts are on hand to offer advice and support every step of the way.

What is a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)?

It is a legal document which allows you to choose someone (the Attorney(s)) that you trust to make decisions on your behalf at a time in the future when you are either not able to or no longer wish to make those decisions yourself. It will remain in place and in force until you either revoke the same or sadly pass away. There are two types of LPA, one for property and financial affairs and one for health and welfare.

Property and Financial Affairs LPA

This LPA allows you to appoint Attorney(s) to manage your property and finances. This may be needed for practical reasons e.g. you're out of the country for a long period of time, or you fall ill.


Health and Welfare LPA

This LPA allows you to appoint Attorney(s) to make decisions on your behalf about your personal welfare. **This LPA can only be used once it has been registered and when you lack capacity to make decisions yourself**, unlike the property LPA which can be used once it has been registered, and with your consent. This may be needed for giving or refusing consent to particular types of health care, such as treatment, and life-sustaining treatment; Also if you need to move into a residential home and choosing the right care home for you.


Our LPA process

Our aim is to make the whole experience of making LPA's as effortless as possible. No-one likes to discuss the inevitable, but with our expertise we will guide you and tailor what your needs are and you will gain peace of mind knowing that we have put in place what you want.


[Please turn over to review the steps our team will take you through.](#)

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Initial contact to arrange a convenient appointment with our experts.

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We will write to you to confirm your appointment and we will enclose our LPA Guide to assist you together with our LPA Questionnaire for basic details.

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At your meeting, we will discuss your wishes, guide you through your options, and confirm our charges.

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We will draft your LPA(s) and send it to you within 7-10 working days from the date of our meeting.

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Once you receive the draft LPA(s) you will need to check your details and provide us with any further information as requested. We will ask you to arrange a convenient appointment to meet again.

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At our meeting we will read through your LPA(s) and ensure it meets your wishes. You will then sign your LPA(s) and we can act as your witness and Certificate Provider, if you have not appointed this firm as your Attorneys.

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If applicable, following our meeting we will write to your Attorneys and send them your LPA(s) to sign. Once all your Attorneys have signed the LPA we will forward it to the Office of the Public Guardian ('OPG') for registration.

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The OPG will write to both you and your Attorneys to confirm they have received your LPA(s). There is a four week waiting period when the OPG wait to see if there is any reason for your LPA(s) not to be registered. Once this period has expired and no objections are received, the OPG register your LPA(s). We will place your original LPA(s) in our safe storage facility, free of charge, and forward to you a copy

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Following our meeting we will send to you a copy of your LPA(s). We will then place your original LPA(s) in our safe and secure storage facility.

To discuss your LPA, Will or Estate Planning contact our expert team today

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