

YOUR GUIDE TO A Lasting Power of Attorney



1. What is it?

It's a legal document enabling you to appoint one or more people who you trust to make decisions about managing your property and finances, or about your healthcare and welfare for you, on your behalf. It can be drawn up at any time while you have the mental capacity.

2. Why do I need one?

If you become mentally incapable of making your own decisions, wouldn't you want to choose the person who could make these decisions for you?

Won't my partner be able to make those decisions anyway?

No. Not unless he or she is your legally appointed attorney – or the court appoints him or her as your deputy.



3. It's an expense I can do without

It's a small price to pay for peace of mind in knowing that your affairs are in order should you be unable to manage them yourself, and it's a lot cheaper than an application to court for a deputy to be appointed.

4. So who should I appoint?

Someone you trust to manage these sorts of important decisions. Or up to four different people if you prefer. And you can give them guidance and instructions on the way you would want them to make decisions.



Do something about this now, while you are thinking about it. It will help you to avoid a difficult situation later in life, perhaps when you can no longer manage your affairs or you no longer have the capacity to make the right decisions.

The Private Client Team at Wollens can provide you with expert advice on a one to one basis about the principles of the Mental Capacity Act to ensure that your choices are fully explained and you are supported throughout the process of making your power of attorney.