

Lasting Power of Attorney (Financial decisions)

The Government recommends that every adult with a Bank Account should have a Lasting Power of Attorney. Without this vital documentation you run the risk of losing control of your finances.

By having Guardian Legal create your Lasting Power of Attorney, you legally nominate one or more people you trust to make important financial decisions on your behalf in the future should you no longer be able to do so through illnesses such as Alzheimer's, loss of sight, dementia, stroke, accident, etc.

Without a Lasting Power of Attorney, should you become unable to manage your own finances and affairs, then under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 the authorities can freeze your bank and/ or building society account. You will then fall under 'Court of Protection' rule where your finances and affairs will all of a sudden be controlled by this powerful government body. Decisions about purchases and/ or paying day-to-day bills are no

longer yours or your families! Charges are added to all your future transactions and the whole situation can be terribly costly and frustrating.

A Guardian Legal Lasting Power of Attorney will prevent 'Court of Protection' rule and keep you and your family in control of your finances. The document activates at a point in your future when you need the assistance and it nominates trusted family or friends to legally run your finances and affairs on your behalf – saving you a small fortune in fees and preventing financial loss of control. With us all living longer and the associated illnesses of old age and modern living on the up, don't get caught out by not having a Lasting Power of Attorney - after all prevention is better than cure.

Lasting Power of Attorney (Healthcare decisions)

Due to illness, should you become unable to make your own decisions relating to your medical care then a Lasting Power of Attorney (Healthcare decisions) is essential.

This legal document permits you to appoint a trusted family member(s)-or a good friend, to make decisions of this nature on your behalf and/ or relay your wishes in the future. Whilst you are healthy, you and your family can decide for your future on the type of health care and medical treatment you receive, including life sustaining treatment; where you live; day to day matters such as diet and daily routine – why leave something as vitally important as this to chance in the future?

Without a Healthcare decisions Lasting Power of Attorney, Doctors and Families are often left

guessing on which decisions you would have made that affect your future care or treatment. We all need that trusted person to step-in to make vital decisions on our behalf and when we are unable to do so – decisions we would have made that have only our own interests at heart.

NB: All Lasting Powers of Attorney prepared by Guardian Legal are registered immediately upon completion at the Office of the Public Guardian so they are available for your use at a moment's notice in the future.

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