

Your immediate questions answered...

How are my interests protected?

Attorneys must act in the best interests of the Donor and they are subject to supervision by the Office of the Public Guardian. They must keep records of their dealings with your property and money.

Can I put conditions or restrictions on the Attorney?

Yes, you can state that the Power of Attorney is not to be used unless you no longer have capacity. We can help you provide guidance as to how you would like particular assets or investments dealt with or you may impose restrictions on how the Attorneys act.

What do I do next?

If you wish to proceed with making a Lasting Power of Attorney call us to discuss further or make an appointment. Our contact details are overleaf.

If you are unable to access our offices in person we are always happy to visit you at home, at no extra charge, and can also arrange out of hours' appointments where required.

Please contact us to arrange an appointment. Our details can be found on the back of this brochure.



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Please contact us if you would like to know more about our services, our fees or to make an appointment.

We offer a free half-hour consultation at the beginning of any service that we provide.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office in normal working hours we will offer evening and weekend appointments.

Where it is not possible for you to attend our office we will visit you at home (on the Island) at no extra charge.

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Reasons to use Wheelers Solicitors

- ✓ Over 50 years combined legal experience
- ✓ Reputation for high quality, tailored care
- ✓ Clear communication and charges

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Professional service with a friendly face

Lasting Powers of Attorney...

There may come a time when you are not able to, or do not wish to deal with your financial affairs and / or personal welfare. Lasting Powers of Attorney enable a trusted family member friend or professional attorney to be there and support you when you need them.

A Lasting Power of Attorney gives you and your family peace of mind knowing that they can assist when you need them to.

What we do...

We provide comprehensive advice for your specific wishes giving you peace of mind; knowing that your affairs will be properly dealt with by the people you choose.

We can help you prioritise matters and draw your attention to questions you might otherwise overlook when choosing an attorney or setting out your instructions.

Here for you...

Whilst we provide most of our services on a 'fixed-fee' basis, we always offer a free no obligation meeting to discuss your specific needs and circumstances at the beginning of any matter.

For your convenience, we offer evening and weekend appointments and where it is not possible for you to visit our offices, we are happy to visit you at home.

Get in touch...

For more information or to discuss any of our services, please contact us. Our details can be found on the back of this brochure.

A Lasting Power of Attorney

A Lasting Power of Attorney is one which will still be effective if you lose mental capacity to make decisions yourself.

The people you appoint as your Attorneys are required by law to always act in your best interests and in the document itself, you can give instructions and specify your wishes as to how you would like your affairs dealt with.

"Friendly, helpful service. Very professional."

Mr Dakin

Property and Financial Affairs

Your 'Property and Financial Affairs Attorney' will be authorised to make decisions on your behalf about property and financial matters like paying bills, collecting benefits and dealing with pensions or selling property.

A nearest relative does not have authority to deal with property and financial affairs.

Health and Welfare

Your 'Personal Welfare Attorney' will be authorised to make decisions on your behalf about where you live and any medical treatment you require.

The Attorney can only make these decisions if you are unable to make them yourself because you are ill, unconscious or lose mental capacity.

A person who is your nearest relative may have sufficient authority to make some of these decisions but difficulties can arise when dealing with National Health Continuing Care Assessments and Social Services.

Appointing an Attorney

You may appoint more than one Attorney. Joint Attorneys must act unanimously and are usually authorised for either to sign on your behalf. This avoids problems if one of them dies, is unable to continue or is simply unavailable to sign.

You can nominate a replacement Attorney to act if one of the appointed attorneys is no longer able or willing to act. This must be done at the time of making the Power of Attorney.

Using a Lasting Power of Attorney

Lasting Powers of Attorney can only be used after they have been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.* A Property and Financial Affairs Attorney can then begin to act straight away but this takes nothing away from you. A Health and Welfare Attorney can only make decisions on your behalf if you are incapable of making such decisions yourself.

**There is small registration fee to register with the Office of Public Guardian although allowances are available for Donors in receipt of certain benefits or on a low income.*

