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A guide to the  
Power of Attorney

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We'll provide all of the support, advice and representation you need to protect your interests or those of your loved ones.

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# What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document that allows a 'donor' – often an elderly person – to appoint attorneys to make important life decisions on their behalf.


Signing responsibilities over to an individual or group of attorneys can make life easier for a donor, as they can rest assured knowing that a trusted friend or relative is there to make important decisions should they ever lose the capacity to make them on their own. What's more, once an attorney has been registered with the Office of Public Guardianship (OPG), they are authorised to make certain decisions such as paying bills, moving money between bank accounts and liaising with all kinds of different agencies on behalf of their donor straight away, thereby relieving the burden that these important responsibilities can bring.



# When do you need a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Through a tailored service, we'll help you  
grant a Power of Attorney that's perfect for  
you personal situation.





A Lasting Power of Attorney isn't just for the elderly; it can be useful at any point during your life or the life of a dependent.

The most important thing to consider when deciding when and if you need a Power of Attorney is to identify which type you wish to grant. At Hurrell Solicitors we can help you grant a Power of Attorney for property and affairs, and a Power of Attorney for personal welfare.

It goes without saying that this is a deeply personal decision. That's why our team take the time to carefully understand your needs and situation in order to grant a Power of Attorney that protects your current and future interests as best as possible.



# Property and affairs

Ensure your financial interests are protected now and in the future.





A Power of Attorney for property and affairs is able to make decisions regarding the donor's financial situation as soon as the document has been granted.

This can be as trivial as paying a gas bill or changing an energy supplier, or as important as deciding to sell the donor's home. The important thing is that you can choose when and how many decisions are passed onto your attorney. Whilst the attorney can make decisions straight away if you wish, you also have the power to limit decision-making until you lose the capacity to make decisions on your own.

The document itself can also be used to inform banks, utilities companies and other relevant agencies of the switch of responsibilities from donor to attorney. Bills, statements and other items sent by post can be redirected to the attorney to spare the donor the hassle of receiving these items through the letterbox.

If you wish to create a Power of Attorney for property and personal affairs, our team can take you through the entire process, offering considered advice that is tailored to your situation.



# Personal welfare

Guarantee your personal health needs  
and wishes are always looked after.





A Power of Attorney for personal welfare can make decisions about your healthcare and general welfare.

These tend to be very important and personal issues, such as deciding your day-to-day routine, where you live and whether life-sustaining medical treatment is refused.

Because of the nature of these decisions, this is the only form of Power of Attorney that can come into effect once it has been proven the donor lacks the capacity to make these kinds of decisions themselves.

As such, it is important to clearly explain your wishes to a trusted friend or relative, in order to ensure they are carried out. Our team are here to guide you through everything, providing insightful advice and answering all your questions until the Power of Attorney has been granted and beyond.





All new clients are eligible for our  
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typically arranged to take place  
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