

Charles Clarke & Co
Information and Fees for Lasting Powers of Attorney

Experience

Both our Partners deal with Lasting Powers of Attorney and both experienced Solicitors in this field. Barry Edwards qualified as a Solicitor in 1976 and Emma Clarke in 2009. Both have worked in the legal profession throughout their lives and have drafted many LPAs.

What are Lasting Powers of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a legal document which at your instruction at this point in time (you are called a Donor) appoint a person (called an Attorney) to assist you or carry out your wishes **in the future, during your lifetime**, should you become incapacitated whether mentally or physically and unable to make your own decisions.

They are very powerful documents so you need to ensure you have full trust in the person(s) you appoint to do this.

There are two types.

Lasting Power of Attorney (Property and Financial Affairs)

This document allows your nominated Attorney(s) to assist with your property and financial affairs including managing your money and buying/selling investments and property. It also allows your Attorney(s) to manage your day-to-day income and expenses. This includes receiving pension payments, settling utility bills and paying care home fees.

This document becomes immediately effective once it has been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.

Lasting Power of Attorney (Health and Welfare)

This document allows your Attorney(s) to assist and make decisions about your health and wellbeing such as what type of care you should receive, where you should receive care, refusal of life sustaining/ palliative care treatment.

If you have specific wishes about resuscitation or life sustaining treatment then you can also specify your wishes in this document. You may have strong views about receiving care at your own home where you are comfortable and wish to make that known.

This document only takes effect once the document has been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian and when you are unable to make decisions about your health and welfare.

Our services to prepare these documents include:

- Providing general advice
- Taking your instructions
- Preparing the Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Registering the Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Advising Attorneys on their duties and responsibilities in line with the principles of the Mental Capacity Act and Code of Practice.
- Providing certified copies following registration

What are our fees?

Our **fixed fee** covers all the work required to complete your LPAs including witnessing and our fees will be **plus VAT at 20% which is discussed further below.**

Our fee

1 x LPA for Property and Finance	£325.00 (£65 VAT)
1 x LPA for Health and Welfare	£325.00 (£65 VAT)

Plus

Office of the Public Guardian fees

Per LPA	£82.00 (no VAT)
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Disbursements (included but not limited to)

ID verification per person	£10.00 (no vat)
Land registry copy title register	£ 3.00 (no vat)

VAT

VAT is charged on our professional fees which is currently 20% as indicated above.

For example, for a standard LPA at £325.00 would attract a VAT payment of £65.00

Where there is VAT on a disbursement you will be advised as you will be liable to pay it.

If you are uncertain as to VAT please ask. **Our VAT number is 344810662**

How it works

We will invite you into the office to have a face-to-face meeting with one of our Partners.

We will discuss with you (list not exhaustive) the nature and effect of both the Health & Welfare LPA and the Property and Financial LPA, your personal wishes as the Donor and the role of the Attorney(s). We will prepare the LPAs for you and if required will act as your Certificate Provider (to confirm you understand the nature of the LPA documents).

We will ensure that the documents are all signed and dated in the correct order and then submitted for registration. Once the LPAs are registered and validated, we can provide you with certified copies. You can then utilise them as you wish.

What to bring to the appointment

Please bring with you some form of ID, preferably a photo ID perhaps a driving licence, passport or even a bus pass along with your proof of address. Also helpful, is your address book or a note of those people that will be involved in your Lasting Power and any questions that you may have.

Home Visits

We appreciate that not everyone is mobile so we can offer home visits locally or at a place convenient for you whether at home, work place, care home or hospital. We apply a nominal fee for this service so please enquire for further details.