

## FEES

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Advance Directive £30

## OTHER SERVICES

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Single Will £65

Joint Wills (per couple) £95

Alterations to Wills for existing clients  
Single £25 Joint £35

Protective Property Trust (in Will) £35

Lasting Power of Attorney \*£95

Deputyship \*£245

Standard Probate Service \* £245

Funeral Plans £2195 - £3,820

\* Depending upon your financial situation, registration fees may be also payable.

\*\*\* For net estates over £5,000, a fee of £215 is payable to the Probate Office.

## HOW WE WORK

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Your legal documents are extremely important so we take great care to ensure that they are created accurately and to your satisfaction. We arrange two meetings, the first to discuss your concerns and requirements and the second to deliver your documents and to explain the meaning of each clause. When necessary, we will also act as a witness to ensure that your documents are active immediately.

## HOW OUR 10 POINT GUARANTEE MAKES US DIFFERENT

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- There is a clear pricing structure
- We do not charge at an hourly rate
- There is no VAT charge
- We do not appoint ourselves as executors or attorneys
- We personally deliver your documents
- Appointments are held in your home
- Evening appointments are available
- We explain the document wording
- We review your arrangements yearly
- We do not charge to store documents



## CONTACT US

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## DOCUMENT YOUR HEALTHCARE WISHES

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## PREPARE AN ADVANCE DECISION



An introduction to recording your wishes should you become seriously ill



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## **INTRODUCTION**

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Also known as a “Living Will” or “Advance Statements”, an Advance Decision records your wishes regarding medical treatment should you lose mental capacity following an illness or accident. Advance Decisions can be specific, general, nominate someone else to decide matters for you or simply list your fundamental values as a guide for others to decide.

## **THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

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The BMA supports the general concept of patient choice and therefore has also supported the concept of anticipatory decision making. Advance Decisions are one category of anticipatory decision making that competent people may choose to employ if there is a likelihood, or concern, that they might lose mental capacity through illness or accident. The BMA has classified all types of anticipatory decision-making as “Advance Decisions” including statements of future desires and intentions as well as firm decisions.

## **THE LEGAL POSITION**

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There is currently no legislation covering Advance Decisions. However, it is clear, in common law, that competent, informed adults have a legal right to refuse medical procedures in advance and that an unambiguous and informed directive can be valid. Health professionals may be legally liable if they disregard the terms of an advance directive, if the directive is known to them, is clear unambiguous and is applicable to the circumstances.

## **SCOPE OF ADVANCE DECISIONS**

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People cannot authorise unlawful procedures, such as euthanasia, nor can they insist upon futile or inappropriate treatment. Although not stated in law, the BMA believes that people should not be able to refuse in advance the provision of “basic care”.

This includes the administration of medication or the performance of any procedure which is solely or primarily designed to provide comfort to the person’s pain, symptoms or distress.

Advance Decisions are about patient choice and are more likely to be known and respected if it has been discussed with family and health professionals.

## **HOW AN ADVANCE DECISION AFFECTS A LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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An Advance Decisions overrules a Lasting Power of Attorney

## **FORMAT OF STATEMENTS**

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There are no specific legal requirements concerning the format of advance decisions but there are some basic requirements. Even oral statements may be legally valid if supported by appropriate evidence but there are clear advantages to recording general views and specific refusals in writing. your It is advised that the statement is discussed with your General Practitioner. The completed document must also be witnessed by two people who will not gain from the death. A copy of the document should then be given to the GP and lodged with patient notes

## **REVOKING AN ADVANCE DECISION**

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You can revoke an Advance Decision at any time whether orally or in writing but otherwise shall be construed as representing your continued wishes.

## **DISCLAIMER**

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The Legacy Software System which will create your Advance Decision, allows you to include both specific and generic instructions. It can name specific conditions for which you would wish to refuse treatment. If you are familiar with the effects of certain illnesses and their treatment, you may have sufficient knowledge required for the necessary wording on your Advance Decision. However, it is strongly recommended that you discuss the matter with your General Practitioner before your Advance Decision is finalised. It must be noted that Wills at Home are not able to give advice regarding the content of your Advance Decision.

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**Wills at Home**

The logo for Wills at Home features the company name in a bold, dark brown serif font. Above the text is a thick, dark brown curved line that starts under the 'W' and ends under the 'e'. Below the text is another thick, dark brown curved line that starts under the 'H' and ends under the 'e', mirroring the shape of the line above.