

## FEES

**Lasting Power of Attorney** \*£125  
(or x 2 for £175, or x 4 for £275)

## OTHER SERVICES

**Single Will** £90

**Joint Wills (per couple)** £130

**Alterations to Wills for existing clients:**

(based on typical changes only, so may vary)

**Single** £30

**Joint** £45

**Protective Property Trust (in Will)** £45

**Standard Probate Service** \*\*£320

\*Depending on your circumstances, a fee of £82 may be payable to the Office of the Public Guardian for each registration.

\*\* For net estates over £5,000, a fee of £300 is payable to the Probate Office.

Find out more at  
[wills-athome.co.uk](http://wills-athome.co.uk)



## FLEXIBLE APPROACH

Increasingly, clients are appreciating the ease with which I can create their documents without the need to meet up.

Email, telephone or video calls can be made on a day, or even weekend, to suit you.

For those preferring a personal visit, this can be arranged for a small, pre-agreed charge.

## Good to know...



### CLEAR PRICING & PROCEDURE

All documents are produced at a standard rate, with no additional charge for complicated cases. As the language used can be complex, I explain the meaning, avoid jargon and keep the whole process as simple as possible.



### ATTORNEYS

The role of an Attorney is very important and can be time consuming so it is vital to appoint family members or friends who can be relied upon. Clients should be aware that when legal advisors offer to be your Attorney, they will be able to charge whatever they wish for dealing with your affairs should you lose capacity.



### ONGOING SUPPORT & AMENDS AS NECESSARY

Please be reassured that, typically every 12 - 18 months, I will check that the details stated on your Lasting Power of Attorney documents are still accurate and reflect your wishes.

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# Wills at Home

Peace of mind, made easy

## Prepare for incapacity by Appointing an Attorney



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**Protect your Property  
& Financial Affairs,  
your Health & Welfare  
should you lose your  
mental capacity.**

## INTRODUCTION

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There may come a time when you become incapable of managing your property and financial affairs or your health and welfare. By legally appointing a relative or friend as your attorney in a “Lasting Power of Attorney” before this occurs, you can ensure that someone you trust will be able to act on your behalf, and in your best interests, if you can no longer make decisions for yourself.

Should you become incapacitated without Powers of Attorney prepared, your family may need to apply to the Court of Protection to be able to make decisions for you.

## LASTING POWERS OF ATTORNEY(LPA)

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This is a legal document that allows you to appoint someone you trust as an “Attorney” to make decisions on your behalf. The documents can give clear instructions, restrictions and guidance so that your wishes are adhered to. It can be drawn up at any time while you still have mental capacity, but has no legal standing until registered with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG).

### **You can create two types of LPA:**

- Property and Financial Affairs (below)
- Health & Welfare (see inside middle panel)

## PROPERTY & FINANCIAL AFFAIRS LPA

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This allows you to choose someone to make decisions about how to manage your money, property and business if you lack capacity. It can also be used to give someone authority to pay bills or to collect your benefits if you are unable to leave your home easily. A Property and Financial Affairs LPA can be used at any time whether you have mental capacity to act for yourself or not.

## HEALTH & WELFARE LPA

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This enables you to appoint someone to make decisions about your healthcare and welfare. This includes ensuring that you do not receive life-sustaining treatment following an accident or serious illness if you do not wish to.

These decisions can only be taken when the LPA has been registered and you lack capacity to make decisions for yourself. Your attorney must refer to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 which provides the relevant guidance regarding when and how a Health and Welfare LPA can be used.

## SAFEGUARDS

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An LPA cannot be used until it has been registered with the OPG. Either you or your Attorney(s) can apply to do so at any time after the LPA application forms have been completed. However, the process includes measures to ensure that an attorney cannot abuse your trust.

You are able to appoint a friend as a “certificate provider” who confirms that you have not been pressurised into appointing the Attorney. They must also confirm that you are completely aware of the powers that you have given and any restrictions and conditions that must be followed.

Furthermore, you can appoint “persons to be told” who will be notified when an application to register the LPA is made. If such persons can prove that the Attorney is not fit to carry out the role, the registration will not be completed.

## CANCELLING POWERS OF ATTORNEY

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You can cancel your LPA at any time if you have the mental capacity to do so. If there is a dispute about whether your LPA has been cancelled, the Court of Protection has the authority to make a ruling.

A Property and Financial Affairs LPA is revoked if your Attorney becomes bankrupt but bankruptcy does not terminate a Health and Welfare LPA.

## FEES, EXEMPTIONS & REMISSIONS

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The Office of the Public Guardian charge a fee of £82 to register each LPA. However, you may be eligible for a fee exemption if you are in receipt of certain means tested benefits.

Alternatively, you may also be eligible for a fee remission of 50% if you can prove that your annual income is less than £12,000.

See back of leaflet for fees and  
**reassurances:** 

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