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### OUR LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY SERVICE & FEES 10/09/2021

Ideally, Lasting Powers Of Attorney (LPA) should be held by us all. Sadly, experience has shown us that very few people do create them. This may be because they are perceived to be complex documents. Some may feel that “it won’t happen to me” and leave matters to chance. In addition, we have conducted research into the costs charged by other local Professionals. Our findings perhaps give another key reason for clients deciding to put off producing LPA’s. We aim to help you efficiently create LPA’s at prices that are affordable to all.

Making an LPA **does not** restrict your right to control your affairs for as long as you feel able. The appointment of an Attorney means that there is someone to take over if, and when, you feel you want them to. At any time you may ask your Attorney to assist you with dealing with various aspects of your affairs.

There are currently two types of LPA, a Property and Financial Affairs LPA and a Health and Welfare LPA.

**A Property and Financial Affairs LPA** gives your chosen attorney(s) authority to deal with your property and finances as you specify.

**A Health and Welfare LPA** allows your chosen attorney(s) to make welfare and health care decisions on your behalf, **only** when or if you lack mental capacity to do so yourself.

We will at the time of the meeting together fully explain what a LPA is, who needs to be involved and how it can help you in difficult times. We will obtain and complete all of the forms and deliver these to you ready for the named parties to read & sign. We can Witness signatures and also act as “Certificate Provider” if you would find this helpful.

Our fee structure is simple and easy to understand. There is no hourly rate, just a flat one off fee. Before asking us to act for you, do feel free to invite a Solicitor to offer their fee for a comparison. Our intention is to offer a 1<sup>st</sup> class service at a fair and realistic price. We do hope that you will be happy to allow us to help.

Here is our present fee structure for each application that is to be registered:

**Fully completed and prepared LPA application including registration forms -  
with no home visits required **£200 per application****

(these fees currently have no additional VAT payable on top of them)

### **Home Visits**

We are happy to visit you at times that suit your diary. There will be an additional cost which will be based upon the time spent on traveling to and from the location of your choice, if you wish for us to make home visits. Each case will therefore be different, hence we will always discuss and agree the fee with you before commencing any work on your behalf.

*Please be aware that The Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) charge a fee of £82\* per application. Their fee is in addition to ours and must be paid directly to them at the time of sending them your application.*

\* OPG Fee Remissions or Reductions may be available to some clients