

JE Bennett Law Local Authority Fees

JE Bennett Law specialises in providing legal services to the vulnerable client, and Jane Bennett (Senior Partner) is one of just 70 OPG approved Panel Deputies. We are currently appointed Deputy in a large number of cases across England.

We are able to provide one off pieces of advice, ongoing advice or can take over cases as Deputy on behalf of the Local Authority. We are also happy to tailor our service to meet your needs. Please feel free to call or e-mail to discuss any matters you need assistance with.

Local Authority Advice

We offer free initial advice over the phone or by e-mail for Local Authorities. The first call or email is free and if no one is available, we will respond within 24 hours. If further assistance is required this will be charged according to the services provided. Please see below for our Court of Protection pricing and our fixed pricing for Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney. All other work will be at our Local Authority reduced hourly rate of **£137.50 plus VAT**.

Dedicated Local Authority helpline:

01732 757520

Dedicated Local Authority email:

LA@jebennettlaw.co.uk

Court of Protection

Prior to appointment, or once appointed Deputy, we will charge, as appropriate, the Courts Fixed Fee or an hourly rate which will then be assessed. Our hourly rate follows the Solicitors guideline hourly rate for Court of Protection work.

Based in Sevenoaks, Kent, we are in the National Grade 1 tier, meaning our fees are significantly less than London rates, yet we are very well placed to cover London and the South East. The full tier of fees can be found at: www.gov.uk/guidance/solicitors-guideline-hourly-rates#guideline-hourly-rates.

Wills

Fixed fee: **£350.00 plus VAT** per individual

1. Assumes a straight forward Will. The fee includes two visits and a testamentary capacity assessment when required. Long distance visit may incur additional cost.

Lasting Powers of Attorney

Fixed fee: **£350.00 plus VAT** per individual, Care & Financial
£450.00 plus VAT per couple, Care & Financial

1. The Office of the Public Guardian charge a registration fee of £82 per LPA unless the donor qualifies for an exemption or reduction of the fee. This registration fee is payable in addition to our professional fees.
2. If a member of this firm is appointed as attorney under an LPA, we will charge the rates referred to under the heading *Court of Protection* for work carried out in the course of acting as an attorney.
3. Prices assume a straightforward case without the involvement of a medical professional.

Additional work

Any other work not specified above will be charged at our Local Authority rate of **£137.50 + VAT**.

Prices correct as of January 2018 and are subject to change.

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