

Lasting Power of Attorneys (LPAs)

As a specialist vulnerable client law firm with a long history of working with Local Authorities we understand the challenges faced. We've learnt from experience a number of ways to optimise processes and make life a little easier for both LAs and their clients. LPAs fall into this category. Appointing JE Bennett Law can give greater certainty for the local authority and their clients.

Why Arranging LPAs for your clients makes sense for you.

If the vulnerable party can be encouraged to put in place an LPA before they get to the point of losing capacity then this can be used **immediately** if registered with the Office of the Public Guardian ...or after only a short delay if not yet registered. If JE Bennett Law are appointed we can:

- step in to help at a far earlier stage
- significantly reduce the risk of financial abuse
- avoid costly and timely delays – typically deputy applications taking between 6 to 9 months at present but LPA's could be up and running in less than 3
- reduce the risk of the LA needing to fund care and then have to recover later
- reduce the risk of complications... such as objections to deputyship applications

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- personal agency - the person chooses who will be assisting them to manage their finances if they become unable to do so themselves... rather than the court making that decision for them
- forward planning reduces delay if they do need help - and less stress for both the client and their family
- far quicker process than the deputy application
- far cheaper process than the deputy application
- they can put in place a health & care LPA – a much easier process than trying to get a health & welfare deputyship.
- less likelihood of bank denying access to a person's accounts when presented with an LPA than when presented with a deputy order
- it's not irreversible – they can change their mind at any point provided they have capacity to do so

Appointing JE Bennett Law as Power of Attorney could be better for you and better for your clients. Contact us now to see how we can help.

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