

# MEET THE TEAM



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# WHERE CAN YOU FIND US?

WE'RE PROUD TO CALL THE SOUTH COAST HOME. WE HAVE OFFICES IN SIX TOWN CENTRE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE REGION. SO, WHEREVER YOU ARE, YOU CAN BE SURE WE'RE NEVER FAR AWAY.

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# HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

As you get older, it's important to plan for the future. There may come a time when you're unable to look after your affairs, whether through mental incapacity or ill-health.

There are a few things you can do to safeguard your interests in old age:

## LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is essential to ensure your affairs remain in order, even if you're unable to manage them yourself. The document appoints people you trust to look after your affairs if you no longer can.

There are two options available to you:

- Property and affairs – appointing attorneys to make decisions about your bank accounts, investments and any other property you own.

A Property and Affairs LPA, once registered, can be used while the donor still has mental capacity (unless otherwise stated).

- Health and welfare – appointing attorneys to make decisions about your health and welfare, such as where you wish to live and decisions about medical treatment.

A Health and Welfare LPA can only be used if the donor lacks mental capacity to make decisions.

Lasting Powers of Attorney can only be used once they've been registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. We understand the paperwork this involves can be daunting to say the least, so, our expert team are on hand to take care of this for you.

The Property and Financial affairs LPA replaced the Enduring Powers of Attorney LPA in 2007. However, if you have one of these documents and it was created before October 2007, it is still valid.

## COURT OF PROTECTION

If your friend or a loved one is suffering a loss of mental capacity, you will need to apply to the Court of Protection to appoint someone to look after their affairs. In what is a stressful time, our team are on hand to help you with the application process and guide you every step of the way.

## ADVANCE MEDICAL DECISIONS

As you go through life, you hope for the best with your health, but if you do become ill how do you ensure your wishes are carried out?

It is possible to record your wishes on the types of medical care you would like to receive, including the use of any life-sustaining treatment. The Advance Medical Decision document ensures that those responsible for your treatment observe your requests.

The document is active from the moment it is signed, and can be withdrawn or altered at any time. Provided that you are deemed to have the mental capacity and ability to communicate your wishes.

We can also help you with ordinary powers of attorney, and wills. If you would like assistance with either of the above, please contact us.

## OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

### SUPPORT

WE'LL HELP YOU APPROACH YOUR SITUATION WITH CONFIDENCE

### SUGGESTION

WE'LL HELP YOU MAKE THE BEST DECISION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

### SOLUTION

WE'LL HELP YOU TO GAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOME

