



Have You Heard about the Government's Lasting Power of Attorney 'Your Voice, Your Decision' Campaign?

The [campaign](#) highlights the importance and benefits of having [Lasting Powers of Attorney](#) (LPAs) in place in order to protect your property and financial and health and welfare affairs.

What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

An LPA is a legal document that lets you (the Donor) select one or more people (known as 'Attorneys') to help you make decisions or to make decisions on your behalf. This means you and your attorneys have more control over what happens if you cannot make decisions for yourself, such as following an accident or illness.

The Coronavirus pandemic is a good example of how your health can change unexpectedly. It is now more important than ever to consider who will make and deal with important decisions on your behalf if you lose the capacity to do so yourself.

How about DIY LPAs?

Whilst the completion of LPAs can appear to be straightforward, the laws governing LPA's are complex as they are extremely powerful and important documents.

There are many dangers involved in DIY LPAs. It is too easy to make mistakes, which can lead to the LPAs being rejected by the Office of the Public Guardian, often resulting in extra charges.

How we can help with LPAs

Our involvement in the process ensures that the documents are registered correctly in line with the Donor's wishes. We act as an important safeguard to ensure the donor is not being forced into something they are not

comfortable with. Without our involvement, complex matters can be overlooked and important wishes or preferences missed.

Our expert team can help you through the process of making LPAs whilst observing government guidance on social distancing, self-isolating and shielding. We are able to arrange contactless appointments via Zoom, Skype or WhatsApp. For more information, please contact us on online.enquiries@LA-law.com or call on 01202 702612.