



# Powers of Attorney

## Powers of Attorney



A Power of Attorney is someone chosen by you to deal with your affairs in circumstances where you are unable to.

One reason you may need a Power of Attorney is if you are going to be out of the country for an extended period of time and documents need signing during your absence. Alternatively, you may choose to have a Power of Attorney in place if you are unable to make decisions about your affairs due to long-term illness or loss of mental capacity.

Different types of Powers of Attorney can be used in different circumstances:

- **General Power of Attorney** - This is useful for situations where you are unable to sign documents or deal with matters yourself. However, you must still have mental capacity. A General Power of Attorney cannot be used if you have already lost, or subsequently lose, mental capacity – either temporarily or permanently.

- **Lasting Power of Attorney: Property and Affairs** - This power will enable your attorneys to deal with your finances and your property. If you have one in place and have registered it with the Office of the Public Guardian, it can still be used even if you later lose your mental capacity.

- **Lasting Power of Attorney: Health and Welfare** - This will enable your attorneys to make decisions about your personal health and welfare in the event that you lose capacity. It can include giving your attorneys the power to decide whether or not you should receive life sustaining treatment. If registered, it can be used should you later lose your mental capacity.

Giving someone the power to make decisions on your behalf is a big step. At Fraser Dawbarns, we can provide you with expert guidance on the issues you need to consider, advice on which type of Power of Attorney will be best for you, and can prepare the necessary documents.

## Court of Protection and Appointment of Deputies

---

Where a person has lost mental capacity but they do not have either a Lasting Power of Attorney, or one of the older-style Enduring Powers of Attorney in place, usually the only way in which another person can make decisions for them and deal with their affairs is to be appointed as a Deputy by the Court of Protection. We can provide comprehensive advice on the steps that need to be taken in order to become a Deputy and will help you through the entire process.

## Trusted Advice and Guidance

---

Our Private Client department can offer clear and comprehensive advice on everything you need to consider when appointing an Attorney for your affairs, giving you peace of mind for the future. In situations where mental capacity has already been lost, we can help you navigate the legal requirements to be appointed as a Deputy by the Court of Protection. We can also advise you on a wide range of other legal matters that you might need to bear in mind when putting in place a Power of Attorney, such as making a Will or making lifetime gifts.

With offices in Wisbech, King's Lynn, Downham Market, March and Ely we are close at hand should you need to meet with us urgently, or if you need to call in to sign documents. If you cannot come to see us, we are more than happy to come to you – please do contact us if you would like to arrange a home visit.

## Costs and Fees

---

We charge a fixed fee for a straightforward Power of Attorney, so you know exactly how much it will cost. If the work is going to be more complicated, we will give you an estimate of the cost upfront and keep you updated as to any changes. There are no hidden charges.

## Why Choose Us?

---

- Direct access to your own dedicated lawyer
- Fixed fee initial consultation
- Full range of legal services
- Clear pricing options and no hidden fees or costs



DISCOVER OUR FULL RANGE OF LEGAL SERVICES

---

Agricultural Law • Commercial and Corporate Law • Commercial Property • Family Law • Children Matters • Wills and Estates  
Residential Conveyancing • Tax Planning and Trusts • Employment Law • Disputes • Lasting Powers of Attorney • Probate