



**PUTTING YOUR
AFFAIRS IN ORDER**

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INTRODUCTION



“Clients sometimes only turn to their solicitors for advice when it is too late. It is far better to talk through any perceived problems early on and to allow your lawyer the opportunity to offer some practical solutions to help avoid often expensive and distressing problems cropping up later on”

PATRICIA GRAY
Private Client Partner



POWERS OF ATTORNEY

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED WHO WOULD
MANAGE YOUR AFFAIRS IF YOU
BECAME MENTALLY INCAPABLE OF
HANDLING THINGS YOURSELF?

Given the longevity and consequent frailty of many people these days, this is an area of law with which solicitors are becoming increasingly involved, whether in the context of Powers of Attorney, Intervention Orders or Financial and Welfare Guardianship Orders. At modest cost a Continuing & Welfare Power of Attorney can be readily drawn up which will dramatically minimise the day to day financial and personal problems which may be encountered by family or friends if they are required to cope should the need arise.



WILLS, TRUSTS AND TAX PLANNING

IF YOU DO NOT MAKE A WILL, THEN YOUR PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS MAY NOT PASS TO WHOM YOU WISH.

The future wellbeing of your family may depend on you having prepared an effective and legally valid Will.

It is always worth taking the time to sit down with your lawyer and consider your own personal situation in order that a Will can be prepared so as to maximize your peace of mind.

ASHLEIGH McCONNELL
Private Client Partner

WILL REVIEW / CODICILS

IT MAY HAVE BEEN MANY YEARS SINCE YOU MADE YOUR WILL.

As a result of changes in your own family and financial circumstances, it may no longer reflect your current wishes.

Furthermore, changes in inheritance tax provisions may also mean that it is time for you to review your existing Will.

Advice should be sought to identify whether or not any changes would be beneficial to you.





LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE

IT IS A FACT OF LIFE THAT MANY PEOPLE MAY NEED TO GO INTO A NURSING HOME OR SOME OTHER FORM OF LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE WHEN THEY GET OLDER. IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT YOUR CAPITAL AND HOME CAN BE USED TO PAY FOR THIS CARE.

Simply transferring the ownership to your children, however, is no guarantee that your house is protected from being used to pay for fees.

Specialist advice should be sought at a very early stage (and not just when a nursing home may be in contemplation) so as to try to provide up-to-date practical and effective solutions to deal with your individual needs.

KIM HARKNESS
Associate Solicitor

CARING FOR VULNERABLE FAMILY MEMBERS CAN BE A SENSITIVE SUBJECT, BUT YOU CAN TRUST OUR PERSONAL LAW TEAM TO MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Knowing all your options and understanding the various implications of those are critical in helping you make the best decisions for your loved ones, but our team don't just provide expert advice on the legal issues, but on practical matters to help manage the affairs of the vulnerable adult.





EXECUTRIES

DEALING WITH THE LOSS OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT. IF YOU ARE APPOINTED AS AN EXECUTOR, YOU WILL REQUIRE TO ENSURE THAT MATTERS ARE DEALT WITH AFTER THE DEATH.

If you have been appointed as an Executor of the deceased's Estate under the Will, you may be unsure as to your, and any fellow Executors, duties and responsibilities.

Our aim is to help you to understand your role and to assist you as much as you need through the executry process.

TAX PLANNING



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THE LAW IS COMPLEX AND FOREVER CHANGING. WE CAN ADVISE YOU ON THE BEST WAY TO PLAN AHEAD AND/OR ARRANGE YOUR TAX AFFAIRS DURING YOUR LIFETIME TO MINIMISE THE AMOUNT OF TAX ULTIMATELY PAYABLE.

WE'RE HERE TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR YOU, HELPING YOU TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS WHEN PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE.

"Our philosophy is to get to know you, to make sure we understand your circumstances and aims. We believe that by developing a strong relationship with you, we provide you with a far better service. Our friendly, informal but extremely professional service complements our highly legal and financial awareness".

YOUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

This booklet is simply an overview of the various aspects of the services we offer our private clients and we hope you have found it useful. More detailed literature is available on request and all of our Solicitors are more than happy to meet with you (and your family if you prefer) either at home or in one of our three offices to discuss your specific needs, offering you the best advice and guidance to plan for the future and put your affairs in order.

If you live within an assisted living development or are a member of a social group or club you may be interested in organising a group talk where we can give a presentation on our services and have an informal Q&A session.

For more information on our services please feel free to contact any of our Solicitors.

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