

Our range of services

Thinking about making an LPA? We offer a one-hour appointment where we talk you through the process. Although we cannot give legal advice we can explain the options available to you.

We charge £40 for this appointment. This cost can be offset if you decide to use our Silver or Gold LPA Service.

Bronze Service

This is similar to a passport checking service. For £25 per LPA our team check your completed paperwork is filled in correctly before you send it to the OPG.

Silver Service

Our team supports you by telephone and post to complete and submit your documents to the OPG. The price for this service is £150 per LPA.

Gold Service

Sit down with our team and complete the paperwork ready to take away for signature. This service is £180 per LPA.

In addition to the above prices each LPA will also require a registration fee of £82 to the OPG.

You may be eligible for a reduction or exemption of this charge if you receive certain benefits or can prove a low income.

Prices are correct at time of printing but may be subject to change June 2017

Compliments, comments & complaints...

West Cumbria Carers welcomes all feedback about our services and will aim to use the information you provide to improve our service.

If you have a compliment, comment or complaint about our service then please let us know.

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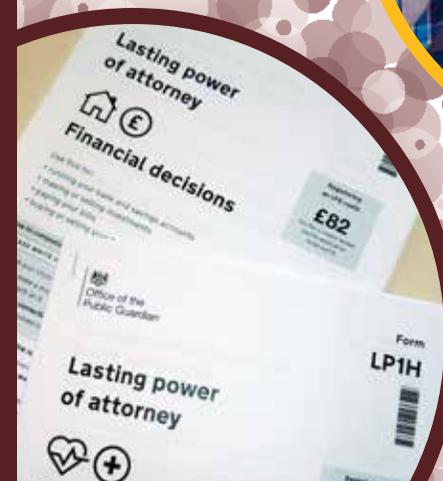
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What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a legal document that gives:

- Authority for someone of your choice to take responsibility for your affairs if you suffer an accident, illness or other crisis which means you are no longer able to manage your own affairs on a temporary or permanent basis
- Guidance to enable decisions to be made about your affairs based on your wishes
- Information about your wishes in respect of medical treatment or ongoing care
- Reassurance that your affairs can be managed without the involvement of the Court of Protection, which can be a lengthy and costly process

Why should I make a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Losing the capacity to make decisions and arrangements is not just limited to older adults. Any of us could be incapacitated suddenly by a serious accident or health emergency.

In these cases, it would be difficult to pay bills, manage a bank account or let health professionals know your wishes about your care. An LPA solves all of these problems.



Who can make a Lasting Power of Attorney?

Anyone over 18 years of age who has mental capacity.

You can complete the necessary forms online and register the documents with the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) yourself.

Go to www.gov.uk/opg

However, should you want some help our team are here to answer your questions and guide you through the process.

There are two types of LPA. You can register one or both:

Property and Financial Affairs

This does not stop you from managing your financial affairs yourself. It simply gives you control over which ones you wish to deal with and which you want someone else to help with.

You choose one or more people you trust who are allowed to make decisions about money and property for you, such as dealing with utilities or insurance, benefit claims, etc.

Health and Welfare

This can only be activated if you are no longer able to make your own decisions such as your daily routine, what to wear, hair care, diet choices, medical care; moving into a care home and refusing life-sustaining treatment.



When should I do it?

The sooner the better. It is advisable that every adult has an LPA in place. If you, or the person you care for or look after loses mental capacity you will be unable to apply for an LPA. Instead you will need to apply to the Court of Protection.

How can we help?

Here at West Cumbria Carers we:

- are here to answer your questions
- explain the decisions you need to make
- support you to complete the necessary registration documents
- respond to any queries raised by the OPG