

Lasting Power of Attorney- easy read






This is an easy read version of some information. It may not include all the information but will tell you about the important parts.





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1. What is a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)?



It is a legal document.






It allows someone to make decisions for you.






It can be set up for financial matters.

It can be set up for health and welfare matters.




2. Why do I need to set one up?

	<p>It allows someone to make decisions for you.</p>
	<p>It might be that you cannot make decisions because you are ill.</p>
	<p>It might be that you cannot make decisions because you are confused.</p>

3. Who can I choose to make decisions for me?

	<p>It should be someone that you trust like a family member or a good friend.</p> <p>They must act in the best way for you.</p>
	<p>They must be over 18.</p>
	<p>As they will be making decisions about your money, they cannot be bankrupt themselves.</p>

4. How many people can I choose to make my decisions?

	<p>You can choose one person or more than one person.</p>
	<p>If there is more than one person then they can make the decisions alone or together.</p> <p>You must decide and this should be on the form.</p>
	<p>Everyone you chose to make decisions for you will need to give their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• name• address• email address.

5. What are property and financial affairs?

	<p>Property will include a house or flats that you might own.</p> <p>Your financial affairs is about money that you might have in a bank or building society</p>
	<p>You can choose someone to help with these things while you are still able to make decisions yourself.</p> <p>This might be because you are going on holiday, or just want someone to help you</p>
	<p>You need to think about any particular wishes that you have.</p> <p>You need to think about the things that you don't want someone else to make decisions about.</p>



You should talk to the person you have chosen to make decisions for you. You should tell them what you want to happen.

6. What are health and welfare affairs?

	<p>Health affairs are decisions about your health. It might be about going to see a doctor or being given a medicine or having an operation.</p> <p>Welfare affairs are decisions about things that are good for you.</p>
	<p>You should choose if you want someone to make decisions for you when you are too poorly to decide yourself. This could be about care that is needed to keep you alive.</p>
	<p>You should think about any particular wishes that you have.</p> <p>You also need to think about what things you don't want someone else to make decisions on for you.</p>



You should tell the person that will make decisions for you what you want to happen.

7. How do I set up an LPA?

	<p>Chose if you want to set this up for only one or both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health and welfare• Property and money. <p>There is a cost to do this.</p>
	<p>You will need to fill in a form.</p> <p>You can print the form Lasting Powers of Attorney - Royal Court (guernseyroyalcourt.gg) or you can call the number at the end of the form.</p>
	<p>You will need to sign the form.</p> <p>Someone will need to be a witness when you sign</p>



The people you chose to act for you will need to sign the form.

Someone will need to be a witness when they sign.



When the form is completed you must send it to the HM Greffier.

Here is the address.

The Royal Court House,
St Peter Port
GY1 2NZ



The staff will then ask you to go to the Greffe.

You will need to take a document with your photo on it.

You will need to pay when you go to the Greffe.



If you cannot go to the Greffe they can visit you at home.

There will be a charge for this.



The people acting for you cannot change your will.

The LPA stops working when you die.

You can call the HM Greffier's office on 01481 225277 if you want to talk about this.

You can find more information on the Royal Court website [Lasting Powers of Attorney - Royal Court \(guernseyroyalcourt.gg\)](http://guernseyroyalcourt.gg).

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