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## A SIMPLE INTRODUCTION TO **POWER OF ATTORNEY**



# What is Power of Attorney (PoA) & Why Does it Matter?

Power of Attorney is a legal document which gives other people, identified by you, the authority to make decisions on your behalf if you are unable to.

This is important as it ensures that if needed, someone you trust will make the decisions you would want made for you and your loved ones.

#### Can I Pick Anyone to Act on my Behalf?

Yes, but they also have to agree to it. You can also select more than one person if you want. It should be someone you trust implicitly and who understands your wishes for anything you want them to act on.





### Are There Different Types of PoA?

**Continuing PoA:** Decisions about property and financial matters.

**Welfare PoA:** Decisions about your health or welfare needs.

Lots of people make a combined PoA to ensure that all decisions are covered.

#### What do I Need to do to Set Up PoA?

It's quite straight forward really. Our experienced team can take you through each step to explain your options in plain English, and advise on what each decision means. All you need to do with us is:

- Select the person(s) you want
- Establish what PoA you need
- Agree definitions and powers
- Define start dates for PoA
- Complete a simple interview with one of our solicitors.

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