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What is a Power of Attorney?

It is an official document which gives someone you trust the legal power to make decisions for you.

There are two main types:

- **Lasting Power of Attorney** - this offers you peace of mind by planning ahead for a time when you may become incapable of making your own decisions and managing your own affairs.
- **General Power of Attorney** – this can be for a set period of time or can cover a specific event, offering you convenience, for instance when you know you may be away or working abroad.

As a legal document, it is important it is prepared by a solicitor. Some institutions will not accept it otherwise.

Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a way you can allow someone, or a number of people, that you trust, to make vital decisions for you, if you become mentally or physically incapable of making them for yourself. Anyone can grant a Lasting Power of Attorney as long as they are 18 years old or over, and have the necessary mental capacity.

If you become incapable without having granted anyone Power of Attorney, someone will have to apply to the court on your behalf. This can take time and can be expensive.



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There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney:-

Property & Affairs LPA - This allows your chosen attorney to deal on your behalf with things like bank accounts, investments and shares, and also buying and selling property for you.

Personal Welfare LPA - This allows your chosen attorney to make decisions regarding your personal welfare if you lack mental capacity to make them for yourself. This might include deciding where you live, what you wear, how much you spend each day and medical treatment you receive. If you agree, it could also include decisions relating to the continuation of life sustaining treatment.

General Power of Attorney (GPA)

These are usually created when someone is going abroad or is unable to act for some other reason. You can name someone else to have the authority to sign or decide things on your behalf.

A General Power of Attorney is usually limited in duration and can be restricted to whatever matters you choose – for instance, buying a house or dealing with your bank. The document can be prepared at short notice to suit your personal requirements.

At Andrew & Andrew we have plenty of experience in dealing with these matters.

How Andrew & Andrew can help you

Simply make an appointment and we will tell you how much it will cost to proceed. We will store the documents securely for you, and send you certified copies, so you can send them to appropriate institutions such as banks.

If we prepare your General Power of Attorney in conjunction with your house sale or purchase, we will offer you a discount.

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At Andrew & Andrew, power of attorney is just one of the specialised areas in which our experienced lawyers can offer you qualified expert help. We are renowned for our attention to detail, and we will not stop working until we have got you the best result.

We have around 50 staff, so we are able to ensure you get personal attention and the good service you deserve. You will find we are modern in our approach and will keep you well informed as the case proceeds.

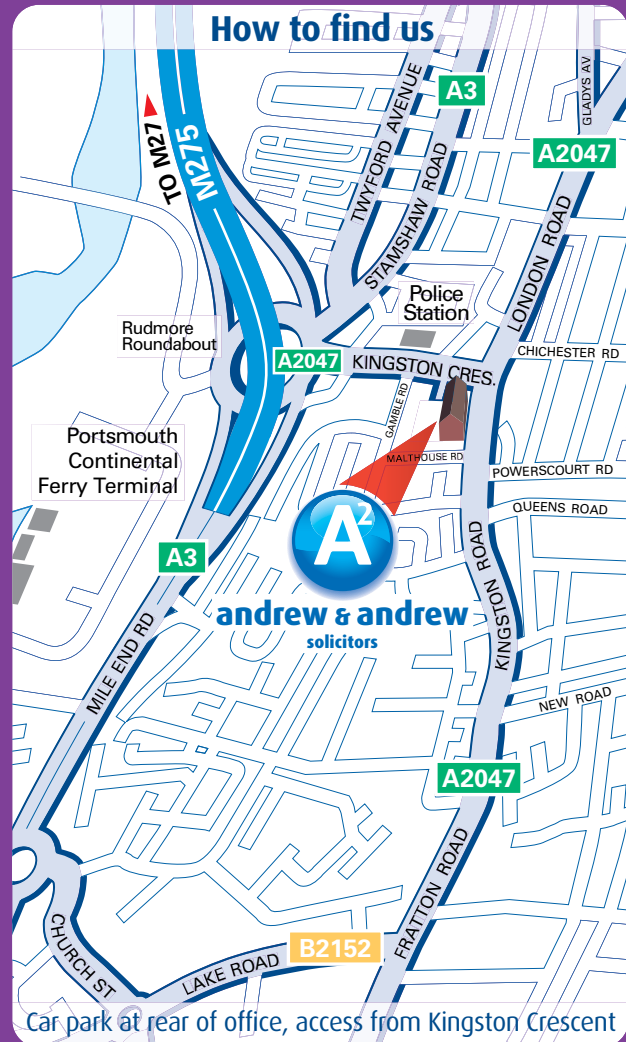
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