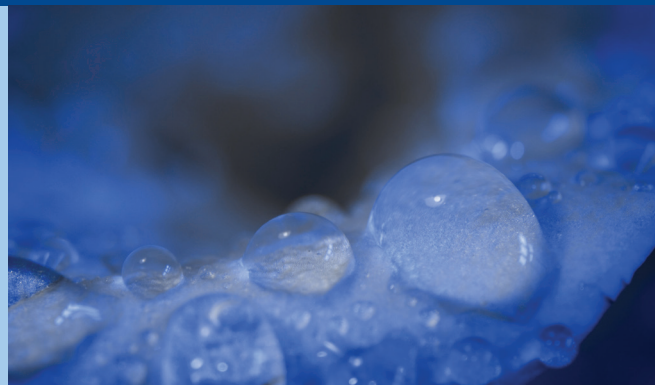


LPA & Dementia Article



Fact Sheet



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Overview

It's official: according to the recent article in BBC News (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-37972141>), dementia is now the leading cause of death.

We are living longer but unfortunately we cannot guarantee that by living longer, we keep our full faculties.

However much we do not like to see our loved ones deteriorate, it is not something that can be ignored.

Our loved ones include our parents, aunts and uncles, in general our elderly relatives. We all hope to be able to care for their needs in the best way possible. That is the reason why we must be able to discuss with relatives and friends the advantages of completing Lasting Powers of Attorney.

Whereas the financial part ensures the attorneys can safeguard the money for the donor, it is equally important to consider a health and welfare Lasting Power of Attorney, to ensure the attorneys have access to the right support and services to help their loved ones live well with illnesses such as dementia.

Once that step has been taken, it is equally important for the donor to obtain the right legal advice when completing Lasting Powers of Attorney. Although the process may seem expensive, by arranging for a lawyer to prepare the documents and arrange for their registration, it ensures the documents will be valid and accepted when the time comes to make use of them.

The danger with DIY Lasting Powers of Attorney and Off-the-shelf kits is the complexity to digest the information found in the great bundle of paperwork sent to or bought by the donor, the technicalities of completing the legally binding documents, and the lack of the very important safeguard against coercion of vulnerable donors.

Instructing a lawyer to assist you with the completion of Lasting Powers of Attorney provides you with not only a valuable discussion of varying issues that can arise, the lawyer can also ensure their client understands the full implications of completing difficult documents, providing valuable reassurance without pressure or concern of fraud taking place.

Please contact us should you want more information relating to Lasting Powers of Attorney. Please also consider making Lasting Powers of Attorney even if you feel you are too young to do so. No-one knows when such valuable legal documents may be needed, and I'm sure parents, at whatever age they are, would want their children to have peace in mind when dealing with financial affairs, as well as health and welfare. Illnesses can affect anyone, at any age.



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