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At Scullion LAW we encourage all of our clients to forward plan and take control of all their legal affairs.

The future is unpredictable and incapacity can happen to any of us at any time from accidents and illness, to the onset of dementia. A Power of Attorney ensures your needs are protected and you are in control if you are unable to protect yourself.

Much like an insurance policy we hope that you never need to use it, but if you do a Power of Attorney is invaluable.

We are here to help you and your family get everything organised.

What is a Power of Attorney?

A Power of Attorney (POA) is a legal document which you can create with a solicitor, appointing those you TRUST to make decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so by yourself.

Who should be my attorney?

You can name more than one person as your attorney and list the specific powers you wish your attorneys to have – this will ensure your needs are protected if you are unable to protect yourself. Your attorney can be a spouse, relative, friend or professional over 16. They must confirm they are freely willing to act for you.

Why should I get a Power of Attorney?

No one has the automatic right to make decisions on your behalf, not even your next of kin. If you do not get a POA and you were to lose capacity, your family (or the local authority in some cases) would have to apply through the court to be appointed as your guardian. This can be a very lengthy, stressful and expensive procedure, adding unnecessary upset for your family during what is likely to be an already difficult time.

Generally Powers of Attorney have two parts:

The two types of Power of Attorney are detailed below. However the majority of people make a combined POA to allow decisions to be taken about both their financial affairs and personal welfare. This allows your attorney to help you with all the things you would normally do, if you had capacity.

- Continuing / Financial Power of Attorney

This allows the attorney to carry out tasks such as banking, payment of bills & dealing with your home etc. These powers can be used with your permission even if you still have capacity eg if you are housebound.

- Welfare Power of Attorney

Allows decisions to be made in relation to your health and welfare. These powers can only be used when you have lost capacity.

You will need to think about how your incapacity is determined and say in your POA who you want to make this decision eg your GP or the attorney. Stay in control – make a Power of Attorney with us today.

Our warm, friendly and supportive solicitors are here to help. **TRUST IN US.**



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