

Donor Preparation Tools:

Prepare once. Complete your LPA faster. Avoid delays later.

Starting a Lasting Power of Attorney is much easier when everyone understands their roles and has the right information ready. This preparation sheet helps donors and attorneys gather key details before beginning the application.

A little preparation now can prevent mistakes, reduce back and forth and help your LPA move smoothly through signing and registration.

Use this checklist before you start.

1. Confirm who will be involved in the application

Before beginning the application, agree who will take on each legal role and make sure everyone understands the responsibility:

- Decide who your attorneys will be and how they will act together
- Choose a suitable certificate provider who knows the donor well
- Check that everyone is willing and able to sign documents when needed

2. Gather personal details in advance

Having accurate information ready prevents errors that can delay registration:

- Full legal names exactly as they appear on official documents
- Current addresses and postcodes for all people involved
- Dates of birth for donor and attorneys

3. Think through decisions and preferences

LPAs work best when they reflect real wishes and practical planning, not rushed choices:

- Discuss how decisions should be made if multiple attorneys are appointed
- Consider any preferences about healthcare, living arrangements, or finances
- Talk openly with family to reduce future misunderstandings

4. Prepare for signing and registration

Many delays happen after the form is completed, not during it. Planning ahead keeps things moving:

- Identify suitable witnesses who are over 18 and independent
- Plan how signatures will be completed in the correct legal order
- Make sure everyone understands the signing process before starting

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