

Your LPA may or may not say a Doctor is needed to say that the person in question has lost capacity to make decisions for themselves and that the attorney can assume control of these decisions.

If there is a clear loss of capacity, such as in advanced dementia, your Doctor may be able to complete this non- NHS assessment. In cases of doubt a more formal assessment of capacity is needed. In such cases a private assessment by a private Psychiatrist is often needed.

Please note that if a Doctor from Arran Medical Group undertakes an assessment and feels there is a need for a second opinion from a specially trained psychiatrist, then the fee is still charged as the assessment has been undertaken.

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FEES

Power of Attorney Forms and completion of capacity assessment

£190.00

Assessment of capacity for use of PoA powers

£ 97.00

The fees for the above services will be explained to you when you book your appointment.

Lasting Power of Attorney and Capacity Assessment

The Medical Centre, Lamlash KA27 8NS

Brodick Health Centre, Brodick KA27 8AJ

Shiskine Surgery, Shiskine KA27 8EW

Whiting Bay Surgery, Whiting Bay KA27 8QN

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Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) and Capacity Assessment — Arran Medical Group Policy

This leaflet has been made with the intention of helping you navigate making a Power of Attorney (known as LPA - Lasting Power of Attorney or POA - (Power of Attorney) and capacity assessments.

In many cases you will not need input from a Doctor to complete an LPA.

Please be aware that LPA and capacity assessments are not available on the NHS. Private services such as these incur professional fees and while we aim to assist the Practice must prioritise patient care when arranging appointments.

Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)

Having a LPA lets you plan what you want another person to do for you in the future, should you become incapable of making decisions about your own affairs.

In Scotland the process around LPA is co-ordinated by The Office of The Public Guardian. Their website is a good source of information : [Office of the Public Guardian \(Scotland\)](#)

The information above explains the different types of LPA and the process toward registering your LPA.

The LPA is a document that sets out your wishes and who you wish to act on your behalf. Alongside this there is a form to be completed by your Solicitor or Doctor that confirms you have capacity to grant these powers. Once these have been completed your LPA must be registered with The Office of The Public Guardian.

How to Proceed

When you have decided to make a LPA you have options about how you proceed.

Most people seek the assistance of a Solicitor and pay for their help to draft and complete the process. In these cases you should expect the Solicitor to complete the capacity form also and will not usually need to involve a Doctor. Your Solicitor can seek advice from your Doctor if they need more information or feel unable to complete the capacity form.

Alternatively, you can draft your own LPA or use online services. In this case it is likely you will need to contact the Practice to request an appointment with a Doctor to complete the capacity form. The Doctor can also sign as a witness to your signature on your LPA.

Understanding Capacity

An LPA can only be made when the person has clear understanding of the process. If you are setting up a LPA you will need to be asked a series of questions that allow your Solicitor or Doctor to assess that you are capable of granting POA.

Examples of such questions include:

- What is your understanding of what an LPA is?
- What are your reasons for making an LPA?
- Who have you chosen to be your attorneys?
- Why them?
- What powers are you giving them?

Capacity Assessments

When a patient becomes unwell or is unable to make decisions about their own care or finance, the LPA needs to be invoked.

Every LPA is different and your Solicitor should make you aware under what circumstances your LPA can be invoked.