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At Coffin Mew we can provide a full service tailored to the needs of elderly clients. We understand your concerns and your wishes.

Wills

It is crucial to have a Will if you want your assets to pass to those you love. Without a Will your spouse or partner may just get a limited sum of money and assets could end up in the hands of distant family members. At Coffin Mew we are experts in drafting Wills tailored to the needs of elderly clients. We understand your concerns and your wishes. Whatever your requirements our specialist team are here to help.

Nursing Home Fees

We may be able to protect some or all of your assets from being taken into account for the payment of nursing home fees.

Your Wishes

We will ensure your

assets pass to the people or organisations you want. Sadly, the assets of people who die without a will often go to persons they would never have wanted to benefit.

Your Money

We may be able to reduce the amount of tax payable when you die and preserve as much of your estate as possible.

Peace of Mind

We will supervise the signing of your will and note you had full knowledge of what you were signing. This helps avoid a challenge to your will after your death.

Estate Planning

With rises in property prices many people now find themselves in the Inheritance Tax bracket. Even with recent legislation aimed at

reducing the burden of Inheritance Tax, many are still affected and object to paying more tax on money on which they have previously paid income tax.

Together we can formulate a strategy to pass your assets on and ensure any tax bill is as low as possible.

Some of the ideas we have for you are very simple, such as ensuring you make the most of the various available allowances. Other ideas are more complicated and involve setting up trusts or transferring property. But whatever your needs we are here to talk you through the process, to explain it in simple terms and to make sure your property is secure for the future of your family.

Powers Of Attorney (to manage your property and financial affairs)

People can find it difficult to manage their affairs for all kinds of reasons. Illness or an accident could leave you incapacitated for a long period. A stroke could restrict your ability to speak, arthritis can stop you getting around like you used to and, sadly, some of us will suffer from dementia.

Family and friends often rally round to help but soon find it is too late. Understandably banks and utility providers will only deal with someone on your behalf if they are certain that person has authority. It can sometimes become impossible to ensure your household bills are paid. The burden falls most heavily on loved ones who can feel they have let you down.

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The easy solution to this problem is to set up a Power of Attorney relating to your Property and Affairs. This document appoints one or more persons to deal with your financial and property affairs if you are unable to manage them yourself. It is very important to do this while you are in good health. The documents can not be used until they have been registered by the Court, which can take up to 4 months.

Making a power of attorney is in effect a form of insurance. You may never need it but if you do suffer physical or mental incapacity it will save you and your attorneys considerable expense delay and inconvenience. Without it the only alternative would be for your family to make an application to the Court for someone to be appointed to manage your affairs – potentially a lengthy and expensive process.

It is increasingly thought that having a Property and Affairs Lasting Power

of Attorney is as essential as having a valid will.

Powers of Attorney (to look after your personal welfare)

Since 2007 it has also been possible to appoint attorneys to be responsible for your personal welfare if mental incapacity strikes and you are unable to make decisions about your own care and medical treatment. If you have strong views about such matters this is a great opportunity to make sure those views are known.

Living Wills

Some people like to leave instructions about medical decisions in a document called an advance decision, or living will. Decisions such as whether you would wish to be resuscitated or at what stage wish medical treatment should be withdrawn can be addressed in the document.

Management of Affairs

Some people appoint a solicitor to manage their affairs for them so they

don't have to worry about any paperwork. We can arrange anything from paying bills to organising maintenance on your property.

What Next?

These are just a few of the many legal services we offer. Whatever your needs do not hesitate to contact one of our friendly team. And if you find it difficult to get to our offices we can arrange a home visit.

For more details of our services or to arrange a meeting contact one of our team on:

023 9236 6005

Other Services

- Wills, including trusts for vulnerable beneficiaries, to protect assets and property interests and to save tax
- Trusts enabling the arrangement of affairs before and after death, preserving assets for the maximum benefit of the family
- Tax planning to maximise the saving of tax by Will or lifetime gifts
- Administration of Estates of the deceased under Wills or on Intestacy
- Assistance to the Elderly in the care of their affairs and finances
- Powers of Attorney for all purposes, including Lasting Powers of Attorney which facilitate administration of clients' affairs in the event of incapacity, accident or illness
- Living Wills (Advance Decisions) allowing you to express wishes for your medical treatment in the event of a life threatening accident or illness
- Will or Inheritance Disputes where it may be necessary to challenge a Will, or its administration, or to claim against an Estate where inadequate provision has been made
- Care Home advice
- Free will, LPA and deed storage



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