



## SOUTH LAKELAND CARERS – LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY FORM COMPLETION AND REGISTRATION SERVICE

### BENEFITS OF THE SERVICE

- ✓ A 'no obligation service'
- ✓ No up-front fees – fees to be paid when documentation is registered with the Office of Public Guardian
- ✓ Fees paid **benefit the charity** (i.e. not a private company where charges for this type of work may be significantly higher)
- ✓ Dedicated service to guide through the process, including checking whether a person may be entitled to exemption or reduction in the Office of the Public Guardian fees
- ✓ Start-to-finish service tailored to individual needs including checking of all documentation prior to submission and provision of post-registration information
- ✓ Registration with the Office of Public Guardian undertaken on behalf of the donor
- ✓ Provides peace of mind for donors and attorneys- ensures wishes are known and recorded regarding health care and treatment and property and financial matters

SLC are part of a consortium of carer organisations that offer this service and we have vast experience of supporting vulnerable people

Without an LPA there will be no-one with **legal authority** to carry out wishes , for example, next of kin has no automatic **legal** right to manage spouse's affairs without an LPA and may have to resort to the Court of Protection route

Example: if a person lives alone and requires care and property to be sold, without an LPA this normally has to be dealt with via Court of Protection which can be a costly and time consuming process. Having an LPA **can** negate the need to involve Court of Protection if a person becomes incapacitated.