Appendix 14

Validation Stickers used on EPA/LPA’s Registered After 1st October 2007

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 came into force on the 1st October 2007, after which the Office of the Public Guardian will use ‘holographic’ stickers when registering EPA/LPA forms.

These stickers have been designed so that if they are removed or tampered with they will deface the form and invalidate it.

There are three types of stickers that are used at specified points on the form:

1. Registration sticker.

One of these is affixed to the bottom right hand corner of the front page of every registered EPA/LPA (from October 1st 2007).

The label has a small ‘holographic’ (silver) OPG disc in the left hand corner (does not copy well), the OPG brand logo in the right corner and specifies that the form has been ‘Registered by the Public Guardian’.

The contact details for anyone worried about the authenticity of a document are also provided.

2. Amendment Sticker

Wherever an amendment (e.g. crossing out) has been made to an application form prior to registration a small transparent circular sticker with the words ‘This amendment was made prior to registration’ will be fixed beside it. If there is no label then it is likely the amendment has been made after registration and invalidates the EPA/LPA.
3. Validation Sticker

This sticker is fixed to the bottom right hand corner of every page (except the cover sheet) of the EPA/LPA, both sides. The validation Sticker is a small circular ‘holographic’ (sliver) sticker with Office of the Public Guardian' embedded into it.