

## Appendix 14

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

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.