Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA) allow people to choose someone they trust to make decisions on their behalf if something happens and they are unable to make decisions for themselves.

LPAs are as important as having a will for ensuring your wishes are followed, but
- While an estimated 40% of the adult UK population has a will
- less than 1% has an LPA

• When surveyed, 45% of people aged 45 and over knew nothing about LPA
• When told about LPA 61% were not interested in setting one up in the future

But they are important!
• One in three people over 65 will develop dementia

And not only for the ageing population
• Every 90 seconds someone is admitted to hospital in the UK with an acquired brain injury

Over 60% of potential LPA customers shared these misconceptions
- The next of kin always gets the final say... if the patient is unable to make decisions for themselves
- If a couple has a joint bank account and their home is in joint names... the other can legally make decisions for them

All I know is that I have a lasting power of attorney now... and I wish my mother had had it

53% of people who know someone with an LPA are interested in setting one up for themselves in the future

It's impossible for anybody, I would imagine, to deal with anybody else's financial affairs without having something in place

3 good reasons to take action
• you choose the person or people in charge of making decisions which affect you
• you make things easier for your relatives should anything happen to you
• decisions are more likely to be made in your best interests

No LPA? The Court of Protection may need to appoint someone to take decisions if mental capacity is lost

40% of people who say they are not interested in LPA don’t think they’ll lose capacity, don’t care, or don’t want to tempt fate

You know you are going to get old but in lots of ways I’ve closed my eyes to it

Find out how to register an LPA – to safeguard your property and financial affairs, health and welfare, or both.
www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney