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Yorkshire's Legal People

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# Court of Protection Deputyships

Our Court of Protection team are specialists in assisting people who lack capacity to manage their finances. This may be due to a medical condition such as dementia, a learning disability, or an acquired brain injury.

We work closely with our clients and their loved ones to support them to achieve their goals and to ensure that their needs are met.

We recognise that each client is unique in their circumstances, and we tailor our services to meet their specific needs.

## **What is the Court of Protection?**

The Court of Protection is a specialist Court which makes decisions on behalf of people who do not have mental capacity to make those decisions themselves. These decisions can be in respect of a person's finances and property or their health and welfare.

The Court has authority to make a one-off order to deal with a particular matter (e.g. the sale of a property to release funds) or it may be necessary for a Deputy to be appointed to assist with a series of decisions on behalf of the person who lacks capacity.

## **Who can be appointed as a Deputy?**

Family members or close friends can apply to be appointed as a Deputy for a loved one who has lost capacity to make decisions about their finances or health and welfare. Two or more people can be appointed as Deputy to act together on someone's behalf or a single Deputy could be appointed.

At Chadwick Lawrence we can assist with applications to the Court of Protection for the appointment of a Deputy. We can also assist with any paperwork or further applications required post appointment.

In some cases, a Professional Deputy will need to be appointed to assist with more complex decisions or in situations where there is no loved one who is able to take on this role. Our specialist team can act as Professional Deputy in these circumstances.

## **What happens if I have a Power of Attorney?**

An application to the Court of Protection is required if someone does not have a valid Power of Attorney and no longer has the mental capacity to now put one in place.

Even if a Power of Attorney is in place, some decisions (such as making gifts) are not automatically authorised by the Power and an application to the Court of Protection will be required to obtain consent.

# Introduction to the Team

## Grace Armstrong

Associate Solicitor & Head of Court of Protection

Grace acts as Professional Deputy and Attorney for clients of all ages and has specialised in Court of Protection work throughout her career. Grace has extensive experience in assisting clients who have received compensation due to a traumatic brain injury and has worked closely with litigators during the proceedings to ensure that the best possible settlement is reached for our clients.

Grace can also advise on personal injury trusts and can assist lay Deputies with applications to the Court of Protection on behalf of their loved ones.

Grace is a member of the Professional Deputies Forum (PDF) and is an Accredited Lifetime Lawyer.

## Susan Preece

Associate

Susan has extensive experience in both Private Client and Court of Protection matters having joined Chadwick Lawrence in 1994.

She is a dedicated Ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society and assists with training local organisations and community groups to become dementia friendly. She is also the chairperson of the Chadwick Lawrence Dementia Committee, maintaining our firm's commitment to raise awareness and support those living with dementia, their families, and carers.

Susan regularly assists family members who wish to be appointed as Deputy for their loved ones and guides them through the application process.

## Karen Motley

Paralegal

Karen joined Chadwick Lawrence in 2000 and has been a Paralegal since 2011.

She specialises in assisting clients who have sustained a traumatic brain injury at birth and acts as the first point of contact for these clients and their families. Karen has extensive experience in this area both during litigation and post settlement working closely with the Clinical Negligence team at Chadwick Lawrence.

Karen is also experienced in drafting applications to the Court in respect of the appointment of a Deputy and the purchase of a property for a protected party.

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