

Enduring Powers of Attorney

Personal Care and Welfare

An Enduring Power of Attorney for personal care and welfare can only come into effect if a person becomes mentally incapable. This means if someone cannot understand the effect of any decisions which may be made relating to their personal care and welfare. An example of this is where a decision is required for a person with Alzheimer's disease who needs to be placed in care. Under an Enduring Power of Attorney for personal care and welfare only an individual person can be appointed. It is common for this person to be a member of the donor's family.

The person giving the Power of Attorney needs to be aware that there are limitations on its use. It cannot be used to withhold consent to a life-saving operation for example.