

Pardoes
Solicitors

PEACE OF MIND.

Pardoes' plan for life & beyond

OUR PRIVATE CLIENT TEAM

Our people share a combined passion for and commitment to the communities in which we live and work. We take care to listen, applying expert knowledge pro-actively and with sensitivity to ensure you receive the best solution for your individual needs.

There are times in life when it can seem very daunting to need legal advice, particularly if you have lost a loved one, need to plan for your later years or have never had the need to use a solicitor.

Pardoes' Private Client Team have a wealth of experience, are friendly and empathic. We understand that you may need time to consider your options, or that it may be less stressful or more practical for us to see you in your own home. You will never be rushed and nothing will be concluded until we are certain that you are absolutely happy with what has been prepared for you.

Our whole team are proud to have trained as Dementia Friends to ensure that we provide the best possible service to clients that may need a little extra assistance.

If you are buying a property, getting married (or divorced) or you are a new parent we can ensure that your interests are protected and loved ones properly provided for.

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CONTROL YOUR AFFAIRS, PROTECT THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE & PLAN FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Welcome to Pardoes Solicitors

We understand that life can be unpredictable and it's best to be prepared for any challenge that might lie ahead. That's why we're here to help you plan and manage key decisions – whether you are looking to safeguard your assets, look after your loved ones, plan for the future or you need help and guidance following the loss of a loved one.

We're proud to work at the heart of our community, offering guidance and support whenever and wherever it is most needed. If we can help you, a family member or friend, please contact our team at your local Pardoes office or visit us online at **pardoes.co.uk**

WE CAN HELP...

Safeguard your assets **Wills & Trusts**

A Will is a legal document that specifies your wishes regarding the management and distribution of your property and belongings and the care of any minor children upon your death. You can even make provision for your pets as well as supporting charitable causes which are close to your heart.

If you do not have a Will, you die intestate and your assets might not be directed in the way you would like them to be. These laws are out of date and do not cater for modern families, for example if you are living with your partner then they will not automatically inherit from you and stepchildren are not recognised either. In addition, a carefully written professional Will can help mitigate things such as Inheritance Tax or Care Home Fees.

A Trust is a legal arrangement where you appoint a trustee to manage funds for the benefit of others. You can put money, investments or other assets into a Trust. Trusts are very often used for asset protection or to protect vulnerable beneficiaries. Trusts can be created

We can help you:

- **Make a Will**
- **Change a Will**
- **Set up Lifetime Trusts**
- **Gift your assets**
- **Plan for tax**
- **Assist trustees**

Prepare for ill health or injury **Powers of Attorney & Court of Protection**

In the future, you may need someone to make decisions or act on your behalf for a number of different reasons. If you wish to specify who you would like to manage your interests should the circumstances arise, you can set up a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) for either your property and financial affairs or your health and welfare, or both.

If an individual becomes mentally incapable of managing their personal affairs through ill health or injury and they do not have an LPA in place, Pardoes can help you apply to the Court of Protection to appoint a Deputy to take over the management of those affairs.

You might be hospitalised for a short period and need help managing bill payments. Or you may have a long-term illness or suffer from dementia and be glad to have appropriate arrangements in place.

We can help you:

- **Set up your LPA**
- **Apply to the Court of Protection**
- **Guide the appointed Deputy**
- **Provide professional Deputyship**

“ I was anxious about discussing my affairs. However, it became clear quickly that my anxieties were unfounded. I felt comfortable... my problems were listened to. I was treated as an individual.”

Plan for later life

Care home & nursing provision

We can also help you plan for the payment of Care Fees and provide advice regarding asset protection.

Whether you are moving into care or you are assisting a relative to move into care, Pardoes can help with the practicalities of the process and advise on issues that can arise at an inevitably stressful time.

If you have strong views about your care, we can help set up an Advance Decision (commonly known as a Living Will), which allows you to state clearly what, if any, medical treatment and care you may wish to receive in the future.

We can help you:

- **With advice on funding**
- **Make a Living Will**

When you lose a loved one

Probate & estate administration

Probate and Estate Administration can be complex and time-consuming, it involves many legal, practical and financial matters including having to account to HMRC for Inheritance Tax. All of this comes at a time when people may not feel emotionally able to deal with additional burden following the death of a loved one and many people will struggle to cope.

A grant of probate is an official document that allows the Executors named in a Will to administer the estate in accordance with the Will. For example, if the person who died owned a house, it will be necessary to obtain probate to ensure that any sale can take place. The same will apply to distribute assets in a bank or building society if they exceed a certain amount. When someone dies without a will, then instead of a Grant of Probate a Grant of Letter of Administration will need to be applied for and administrators appointed instead of executors.

We can help you:

- **Secure assets and arrange valuations**
- **Identify liabilities and manage tax affairs**
- **Provide inheritance tax advice**
- **Submit inheritance tax returns**
- **Apply for the grant of probate**
- **Distribute assets to beneficiaries**
- **Administer trusts**

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Agriculture & Farming
Commercial Property
Company/Commercial
Dispute Resolution
Elderly Client Services
& Later Life Care

Estate Administration
Family & Divorce
Personal Injury
Residential Property
Wills & Powers
of Attorney

Free Legal Guidance

If we can help you with a legal question, why not book onto one of our free Legal Helplines? We hold the Helpline every Monday between 4-6pm giving you expert legal advice without obligation. Visit us at pardoes.co.uk or call your local Pardoes office for more information.

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