

## Don't leave it too late

People often turn to us when it is too late. If you or your family have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.

It is far better to talk through any perceived problems now, and allow us to offer some practical solutions to avoid expensive and distressing problems later on.

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# Introduction

What can we do to put your affairs in order, to give you and your family maximum peace of mind?

That is our first and paramount consideration

Stokes Solicitors have had a specialist private client department since we were established in 1924. During this period we have advised and assisted thousands of clients of all ages, and their families and their partners, to sort out those often complex questions about their property, assets and financial affairs.

Additionally, we provide a wide range of legal services to both individuals and businesses.

Regardless of the problem, the success of Stokes Solicitors throughout this period has been due to our active policy of client care.

This has led to our many satisfied and loyal clients recommending us to their families, partners, friends and business colleagues.

## Our Services for Young and Older Clients And for Families and Partners

### Making your Will

If you don't make a Will your property and other assets may not pass to whom you want. The future well being of your family or your partner may depend on you having prepared an effective and legally valid Will.

### Tax Planning

Tax Law is complex and forever changing. We can advise you on the best way to plan ahead and help you to arrange your tax affairs during your lifetime to minimise the amount eventually payable.

Using our specialist knowledge of Property, Trusts and Tax Law we will help you cater for a number of different possibilities and prepare the Will so as to maximise your peace of mind.

### Will Reviews

You may have prepared a Will many years ago, but if your circumstances have changed it may no longer reflect your current wishes. Furthermore changes in the Inheritance Tax provisions may also mean you need to review your Will. We offer a discussion to help you identify whether or not any changes would be beneficial to you.

### Living Wills

These are not, strictly speaking, "wills", but may enable clients to instruct how they are to be looked after and cared for if their health deteriorates or fails. Great care must be taken to ensure that these instructions are recorded accurately and effectively to reflect the client's true wishes, and should be reviewed regularly.

We can help you.

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### Enduring Power of Attorney

Have you considered who would manage your affairs if you became mentally or physically incapable of handling things yourself? Many clients have the foresight and wisdom to ask us, as their solicitors, to prepare an Enduring Power of Attorney in order to minimise the problems should this situation arise.

### Long Term Residential Care

It is a fact of life that a number of people may need to go into a Nursing Home or some other form of long term residential care when they get older. It is also true that your money and home can be used to pay for this care. Simply transferring the ownership to your children, however, is no guarantee that your house is protected from being used to pay for fees!

We provide advice and practical help on dealing with this sort of situation.

### Help for Personal Representatives

Personal Representatives are the people named in a will to act as Executors, or the next of kin of someone who has left no Will. Being a personal representative has heavy responsibilities and can be legally difficult. This is quite apart from the fact that after the loss of someone close to you, dealing with these matters may prove personally distressing.

With this in mind we will relieve you of the burden of "getting Probate", and help you ensure that the wishes of the person who has died are followed.