

Blossom Group

The Two Types of Power of Attorney (UK)

There are two types of Power of Attorney. These give someone legal permission to make decisions for you if you can't make them yourself.

1. Health and Welfare Power of Attorney

This lets someone make decisions about:

- Your daily care (washing, eating, dressing)
- Medical care and treatment
- Moving into a care home
- Life-sustaining treatment

Note: This type only applies if you lose mental capacity.

2. Property and Financial Affairs Power of Attorney

This allows someone to manage:

- Your bank accounts and bills
- Benefits and pensions
- Buying or selling your home
- Managing savings or investments

Note: This can be used with your permission while you still have capacity, or after you lose it.

Important:

- You can choose different people for each type.
- It must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian before it can be used.

Helpful Forms and Links (UK Government):

[Full guide and forms](#)

[Health & Welfare Form \(LP1H\)](#)

[Property & Financial Affairs Form \(LP1F\)](#)

[Register a power of attorney](#)

Fees apply. Fee reductions may be available if you're on a low income.

Always double-check details before submitting forms.