



Estate Planning for Vulnerable Beneficiaries

Using Trusts to preserve your family wealth and protect your loved ones in the future

Estate Planning Solutions



About Us

Independent Estate Planning Specialists



- ✓ 20 years in business
- ✓ 60,000+ Wills and LPAs written
- ✓ Specialists in protecting Vulnerable Beneficiaries



Members of the Institute of Professional Willwriters and Managing Director Paul Dodsworth is a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) Membership number. 202808

Our Services:

Wills

Trusts

Lasting Power of Attorney



How we work

Convenient appointments arranged around you

Discuss your circumstances so we can identify your concerns and objectives

Explain your options in 'plain english'

Provide bespoke recommendations tailored to YOUR needs

YOU decide what's best for you and your loved ones



OUR 3 Aims

1. Identify specific legal / financial problems
2. Provide advice in relation to YOUR options and the solutions
3. Provide guidance on how to get the right help and advice

What we do

Put YOU in control of:

- the ultimate destination of your wealth
- deciding who can make decisions when you cannot



PROTECT survivor after first death



MAXIMISE inheritance



MINIMISE disinheritance threats/risks



PROTECT VULNERABLE BENEFICIARIES



END RESULT: Complete peace of mind and reassurance that life is made easier for your loved ones



Defining a Vulnerable Beneficiary

Any person, young or old, who is unable to manage their own affairs, take care of or protect themselves

- Vulnerability increases massively once parents have passed away
- The need to plan ahead now is ESSENTIAL!

We repeatedly hear two things from our clients:

'We were told there was nothing we could do'

'We don't know where to go to get help and advice'



Protecting a Vulnerable Beneficiary

Protect the Vulnerable Beneficiary's 'Inheritance Pot' against 3 major threats:

THREAT 1 - The Vulnerable Beneficiary

Protection may be needed against wasting an inheritance



THREAT 2 - Unscrupulous third parties

Protection may be needed against others who wish to spend their inheritance



THREAT 3 - Loss of means tested benefits

Protection is definitely needed against the loss of means tested benefits



ASSETS HELD IN TRUST ARE NOT MEANS TESTED



The 'Inheritance Pot'

What is the 'Inheritance Pot'?

The 'Inheritance Pot' is the wealth (inheritance) you HOPE to leave to your loved ones when you pass away

Why is it so important?

The 'Inheritance Pot' MUST be as large as possible to provide long-term financial support



The 'Inheritance Pot'

Q. How big do you want the 'Inheritance Pot' to be?

THE 3 KEY FACTORS

- Maximise YOUR inheritance
- Maximise THEIR inheritance
- Protect THEIR inheritance (long-term)



The 'Inheritance Pot'

How to maximise the 'Inheritance Pot'

1. Firstly protect YOUR inheritance from loss
2. Secondly, protect THEIR inheritance from loss

From the threats of:

- Sideways disinheritance
- Local authority care fees
- Other disinheritance threats such as probate, tax, divorce, creditors etc.



Solutions

Wills

An appropriate Will is essential, but is just the starting point:

- Can only distribute what is left of your estate on the 2nd death

THREATS =

- Care Fees
- Sideways Disinheritance

- Common pitfalls/mistakes

THREATS =

- Not make a Will
- Exclude - Inheritance Provision for Family and Dependants Act 1975
- Leave inheritance to a sibling to 'look after' a child
- Leave inheritance absolutely to a Vulnerable Beneficiary
- ALL the above - result from not getting the right advice



START



Trusts

Vulnerable Beneficiary Trusts are specifically designed to protect an inheritance against:

- Wasting Inheritance
 - Money can be drip fed as it is needed
- Financial Abuse
 - Trustees are in control of distributing the money
- Loss of Means Tested Benefits
 - Any Inheritance does not form part of the beneficiary's estate, so it cannot be assessed for benefits, taken by creditors or be subject to Inheritance Tax



Additional Issues

Vulnerable Beneficiaries may also face additional issues when it comes to making Financial and Personal decisions.

Financial decisions:

- Ability to make sound decisions
- Appointee for benefits vs LPA PA vs Deputyship Application

Personal decisions:

- Ability to make sound decisions
- Best interest assessment vs LPA HW vs Deputyship Application



Getting the right legal advice

WHAT YOU SHOULD ALWAYS DO

- 1** Choose someone experienced and STEP qualified
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- 2** Identify your objectives clearly
- 3** Consider all your options and choose what's right for YOU and YOUR family



Thank You for watching our

presentation

Do you have any questions?

For further information, you can obtain a copy of our Vulnerable Beneficiary booklet. It covers all the topics discussed in this presentation in further detail and provides helpful advice and guidance, in relation to all YOUR options for the long-term protection of vulnerable beneficiaries.

Included in the booklet is a list of useful contacts for advice and support relating to the care of vulnerable beneficiaries.



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