



## **Power of Attorney – Recent Changes**

*Our friends at Findon Legal Consultants have advised us that there have been changes to the POA form and that people may have problems if an 'old' form has been completed but not registered by the deadline date.*

*The forms changed from the 1st July 2015 so if you completed a POA prior to that date please note the following.*

*The advice from the Office of the Public Guardian is:*

*From Wednesday, 1 July 2015 until Friday, 1 January 2016, you can use either the old or new versions of these forms to create and register an LPA.*

*If the old LPA forms have been completed, signed and dated correctly by Friday, 1 January 2016, they can still be registered at any time providing they have been made correctly.*

*If an LPA made using the old forms has not been completed, signed and dated by Friday, 1 January 2016, they won't be able to be registered.*

*Anyone who has completed a Lasting Power of Attorney since 2007 should check whether they have been registered. A registered document has an Office of the Public Guardian stamp on each page and a validated perforated mark on the bottom.*

*If they have not been registered, they should check that any self-completed/downloaded forms printed off prior to 1st July 2015 have been signed and dated correctly and it would be advisable to send any self-completed forms off for registration prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.*

*Any older uncompleted forms downloaded or printed off prior to 1st July 2015 should be completed prior to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 and be sent off for registration. If the forms have been completed by a professional and they are stored by the professional they should contact the professional to confirm whether they have been registered and if not, it would be advisable to request they be registered to ensure peace of mind.*

*This advice does not apply to enduring Powers of Attorney completed prior to 2007.*

*If you have any concerns or questions you can contact the OPG on 0300 456 0300 or email [customerservices@publicguardian.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@publicguardian.gsi.gov.uk)*

*We at Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Services hope you found this information helpful.*