

Deputyship following a Head Injury

Our Services

Overview

When somebody suffers a serious head injury, their mental capacity can be affected and they may no longer be legally capable of making decisions for themselves. In such cases, Deputyship can be used to ensure that decisions are made on their behalf and in their best interests, by others.

When is Deputyship necessary?

The law assumes that everyone is capable of making decisions until it has been shown that they cannot.

For example, somebody may be perfectly capable of deciding where they want to live but be unable to make sensible financial decisions. This is where the Court of Protection comes in.

How does it work?

Your solicitor will apply to the Court for the appointment of a Deputy (previously known as a Receiver). This can either be a close family member, friend or your solicitor.

The role of the Deputy is to ensure that the injured person's wishes are respected and followed by involving the individual, their family and appropriate professional people in making decisions.

Many of the partners at Slater & Gordon routinely act as Deputies for their clients and it is a straightforward procedure to arrange for us to act on your behalf. It is not essential to appoint a Deputy before starting a compensation claim and we will advise you when is the appropriate time.

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A very helpful and understanding firm, everything explained in detail that I was able to understand.

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What happens once the case is concluded?

If the client still lacks capacity at the time the claim concludes, we will ensure that their financial compensation includes the cost of retaining a professional Deputy who can continue dealing with their financial affairs.

We have a specialised department that deals with issues like Personal Injury Trusts, Statutory Wills, Inheritance Tax Planning, Tax Returns, and managing ongoing expenditure.

Is Deputyship right for my case?

Every case is different so we provide free advice on all of these issues. We can also advise on Powers of Attorney, although these are rarely applicable in personal injury claims.



Please feel free to discuss your own position and concerns.
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