

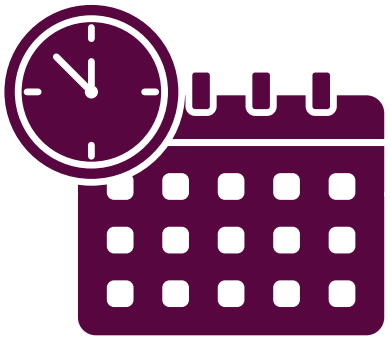
# DEALING WITH THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

We understand this is an upsetting and stressful time, and hope this provides some clarity on how to deal with the Probate.



## CAN I DO PROBATE MYSELF?

The short answer is yes. You can get a grant of probate without instructing a solicitor. However, it's important to understand your obligations of taking on the role.



## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

In straight forward estates you can expect the process to be completed in around 6-12 months.



## WHAT FORMS DO I HAVE TO USE?

You can apply for probate online in straight forward estates. In some cases, the application has to be made by post using one of the PA1 probate application forms. You will need to fill in PA1P to apply for probate if there is a will, or PA1A to apply for probate if there is no will.



## DO YOU NEED TO INVOLVE ALL THE EXECUTORS?

Yes, if there is more than one executor, you will all need to work together to deal with the estate of the person who has died.



## HOW LONG UNTIL THE BENEFICIARIES CAN HAVE THEIR MONEY?

On average it will take around 6 to 12 months for beneficiaries to start receiving their inheritance.



## CAN I KEEP THE HOUSE?

If your loved one held property in their sole name, and they left a valid will dealing with the property, then the property will usually pass in line with the will. The will may state that the house is to be left as a specific gift to one or more of the beneficiaries.



## WHAT DOES THE WILL EVEN MEAN?

Having a will lets you decide what happens to your money, property and possessions after your death. A will is the only way to ensure that you have control over who receives your money and possessions.

**For Probate advice contact our specialist team on 0333 400 4499**