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# Dealing with bereavement

How we can help after someone close has died

## Dealing with someone's financial affairs after his or her death

When someone dies, his/her property and financial affairs need to be dealt with. Who is authorised to do this is dependant on whether or not the deceased has made a Will.

### If there is a Will

If there is a valid Will, this names the executor(s) and it is this person(s) who has the authority to administer the deceased's estate.

### If there is no valid Will

In this case, the next of kin will be responsible for administering the deceased's estate. Often this would be the spouse or surviving children (if any).

If there is no spouse/civil partner or children then the remoter family members would need to deal with the deceased's property and affairs.

### What needs to be done?

Following the death all assets in the deceased's name need to be administered e.g. bank accounts closed, property sold or transferred and debts paid. The estate monies have to be distributed in accordance with the terms of any Will or, if there is no Will, in accordance with the laws of intestacy.

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Whatever your needs, it will pay you to consult us sooner rather than later

## Do I need a Grant to deal with the assets?

This depends on the assets and their value. A Grant is always needed in order to sell a property.

## What is a Grant?

A Grant is an official document which authorises a named individual(s) to administer the estate.

There are two types of Grant, a Grant of Probate which is issued to an executor(s) named in a Will and a Grant of Letters or Administration which is issued to the nominated next of kin when there is no Will.

## How do I obtain a Grant?

An application needs to be made to the Probate Registry. We can help you to do this by preparing the Oath and Inland Revenue documentation and submitting the Probate papers to the Court on your behalf.

A Solicitor's application is dealt with in priority to a private application by the Probate Registry.

## Why use a Solicitor to administer and distribute someone's estate?

A Solicitor can ensure all aspects are dealt with correctly and promptly and we deal with the Revenue directly on your behalf.

All accounts are closed and the monies are received by this firm, all debts are paid, proper accounts are prepared and the monies are paid to the correct beneficiaries - identification of the correct beneficiaries can be problematic especially if there is no Will. We are fully insured.

## What shall I do next?

If you need advice or help dealing with the affairs of someone who has died then please contact our Probate department for an appointment.

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Established in 1795, we've adapted to changing times and provide a service which recognises that solicitor's clients demand not only efficiency and to be kept constantly informed but also friendly and approachable treatment.

Wrigley Claydon try to combine all these attributes and, whilst using the very best of modern technology, remember that our clients are sensitive people, like us, often facing the most critical decisions of their private or business life.

With this in mind it is the philosophy of the firm to offer a warm welcome and a sympathetic and understanding service, as well as good advice and efficiency.

We also see it as our task not only to solve your problems but, wherever possible, to prevent them arising in the first place by providing sound and constructive advice on a regular basis, throughout your business or personal life.

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