



ADVANCE DECISIONS AND LIVING WILLS

Our experienced team is able to offer advice and guidance to those clients who wish to make a Living Will / Advance Decision.

An Advance Decision is essentially a document which an individual who has the necessary mental capacity can make setting out which medical treatments they wish to refuse in the event those treatments become necessary or an option.

This process cannot be used to request specific medical treatment; nor can it be used to request an illegal act, such as help in committing suicide.

If a person wishes someone else to make these decisions for them then they will instead require a Lasting Power of Attorney for health and welfare matters. The law relating to Advance Decisions is covered by the Mental Capacity Act 2005. By law a valid Advance Decision refusing life-saving treatment means a person cannot be treated. If a Doctor subsequently provided that treatment then legal action could be taken against them.



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