

Probate

Distributing the belongings
of the deceased

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WHAT IS PROBATE?

It is the process of distributing the money, property and possessions of a deceased person.

If a person dies without making a Will the law decides what and to whom the money, property and possessions go to.

The organisation of the distribution of the money, property and possessions, after payment of any taxes and debts, is up to the persons given the job in the Will or where there is no Will this is usually the next of kin.



WHO GETS INVOLVED IN PROBATE?

If the deceased has left a Will, one or more people will be named as Executor and are responsible for organising Probate. You will usually know if this is you as the person making the Will should ask your permission.

If there is no Will or the people named as Executor cannot or do not want to get involved, it is usually the next of kin who take responsibility.

WHY YOU NEED A SOLICITOR

You need to apply to the Probate Registry to be appointed before sorting out the money, property and possessions of the deceased.

Probate can also be very complicated and the stress this can cause is often increased if you are dealing with the loss of a loved one.

A solicitor can take on the burden and help sort out the affairs of the deceased.

WHAT NOW?

Although Probate can be complex, it is not usually expensive. To arrange an appointment please contact:

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