

**ABOUT THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT**

1. The Mental Capacity Act ('MCA') was passed in 2008. It introduced the Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) so individuals can appoint one or more done(s) to make decisions on their behalf should they lose mental capacity.
2. For those who lack mental capacity but have no LPA, the MCA allows someone – such as a family member or friend - to appoint to Court to be their deputy to make decisions on their behalf.