# **Strathern**

## Power of Attorney and estate planning Information session

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- Financial Attorneys
- Welfare Attorneys
- Appointing attorneys
  - Who?
  - How many?
- Using a Power of Attorney
  - When?
  - How?
- Office of the Public Guardian
  - Registration



- Guardians
- Court process
- Doctor reports
- Mental Health Officer report
- Appointment length
- Inventory and Management plan
- Caution



### **Care home cost planning**

- When can the Local Authority assess your finances?
- What do they assess?
  - Income
  - Capital
- What happens when someone is staying in the property?
  - Spouse/civil partner
  - Dependants
  - Others
- Deprivation of Capital
- Planning in your Will
  - Trusts



- Planning in Wills
- Why use a Trust?
  - Assessment of benefits
  - Financial inexperience
  - Vulnerable to influence
  - Disabled

#### • Trust options

- Liferent
- Discretionary Trust
- Disabled Discretionary Trust
- 1 size doesn't fit all!



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