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Probate: Your Questions Answered

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The loss of a loved one is, unalterably, a period of immense grief. We understand that the responsibility of distributing their estate can add to the feeling of being overwhelmed. We are here to lighten this burden. We can explain the processes, obtain the Grant of Probate and handle the financial matters - but you can choose how much of this you want us to do. Here, we answer some common questions surrounding probate.

How much does it cost?

When assisting an Executor in the full administration of a deceased's estate, the cost varies depending on the size and complexity of each case. Generally, this takes between 16-50 hours of work, giving an estimate of **£3,500 - £10,000 + VAT**.

At Wadsworths Solicitors, we offer a free, no obligation half-hour consultation to give you advice on whether you require a Solicitor and if so, an estimate for the costs involved.

What does 'probate' mean? And what is a 'Grant of Probate'?

Probate is the legal right to deal with someone's property and finances after they have passed away. This involves collecting and distributing their assets according to their Will, or, if they did not make one, according to Intestacy law.

A Grant of Probate is a legal document authorising the Executor to administer the deceased's assets.

Do I need probate?

Probate is usually required by the Executor named in the deceased's will (or the closest living relative if there is no will) if:

- The estate involves property
- There's no surviving joint owner
- Assets exceed the threshold (this varies so check the relevant bank or institution)

How long does it take?

The administration of a simple estate usually takes about **6-12 months**.

A Grant of Probate is normally obtained within 8-14 weeks after we have received the necessary information.

Would you like some help? We are here to guide you every step of the way.
Contact us today to arrange an appointment and streamline the administration process.

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