

COVID-19

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COVID-19 Vaccinations and Enduring Powers of Attorney

The Non Contentious Business Committee of the Society has considered the issue of the roll out of COVID-19 vaccinations in the context of Enduring Powers of Attorney in anticipation of members being asked for advice by clients over the coming weeks and months.

The Committee would remind members that a registered Enduring Power of Attorney in Northern Ireland does not give the attorney authority in relation to any health and welfare decision affecting the donor of the Power and this would include the decision as to whether to give the COVID-19 vaccination to the donor.

This is in contrast to the position in England and Wales which have Health and Welfare Lasting Powers of Attorney which may enable attorneys to deal with the issue of vaccination on behalf of the donor.
