

What's a Valid Will? Capacity, Consent, and Clarity

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Information Pack

Everything you need to know about the event and our speakers



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We are delighted to welcome you to our last session of the Deputyship Surgery series of 2025! Throughout the year, Finders International host a series of virtual bite-sized Deputyship Surgeries, designed for professionals navigating the intersection of mental health law, welfare benefits, and deputyship practice.

For this session, we have invited expert speaker, Alexandra Gordon, Partner at Tassells Solicitors, where we'll explore insights on the legal standards that make a will valid, common red flags for fraud, and proven methods for detecting forgery.



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Alexandra Gordon

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Admitted as a solicitor in 2010, Alexandra is also a qualified Chartered Tax Adviser and Notary Public. Alexandra joined Tassells in April 2023 from a leading regional law firm.

She is highly regarded and an award-winning lawyer with a particular interest in capital tax planning and assisting clients with minimising their Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax liabilities. Alexandra is a Full Member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and has undertaken her STEP Advanced Certificates in Will Preparation and UK Tax for International Clients. This broad range of knowledge and specialist skill set enable her to provide clients with truly holistic support. Her knowledge on taxation allows her to understand when other taxes could be problematic, which allows her to give first-class advice, while knowing when to bring in specialist advisers.

Specialising in Private Client Law, including: Wills, Trusts and Estates; Probate; and Lasting Power of Attorney. She is a full member of STEP (Society of Trusts and Estates Practitioners). Alexandra was President of the Kent Law Society October 2020 to May 2022, being their 10th female president and their youngest in their 205 year history.

She has been named an eprivateclient 'Top 35 under 35', and Citywealth 'Top 100 Future Leaders'. She is ranked a 'Next Generation Partner' by Legal 500, and ranked individually in band 3 in the Chambers High Net Worth guide.

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We provide a one-stop shop when applying to the Court of Protection, ensuring you perform your duties effectively and efficiently.

We will:

- Identify the nearest next of kin so they can be notified of the Application
- Carry out a Will search to see if the client has made a Will in the past

Once the Order is granted, we will carry out an Asset search to identify any missing or unknown assets that the client may have, such as pensions, savings, and investments.

Family tree research required for Statutory Will Applications

Finders can assist in constructing P's family tree to confirm next of kin (wherever they are in the world). Our report provides full family contact details enabling you to contact them directly regarding the Application.

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Missing Asset Search

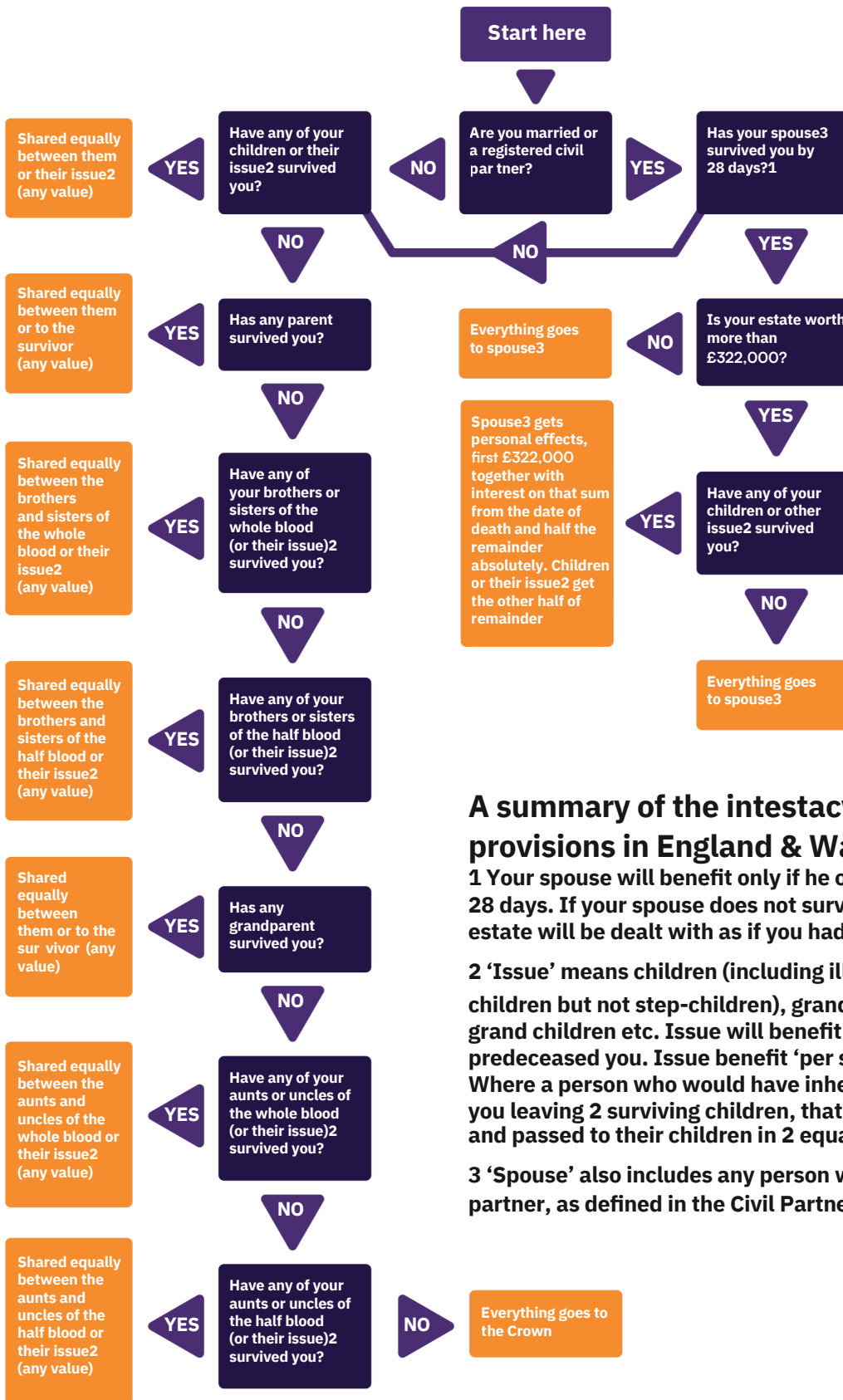
An effective way of discovering missing assets, such as:

- Bank/Building Society Accounts
- Stocks and Shares
- Pensions



Intestacy Rules England & Wales

What happens if you die without a will?



A summary of the intestacy provisions in England & Wales

1 Your spouse will benefit only if he or she survives you by 28 days. If your spouse does not survive for this period, your estate will be dealt with as if you had not been married.

2 'Issue' means children (including illegitimate and adopted children but not step-children), grandchildren and great grandchildren etc. Issue will benefit only if their parent has predeceased you. Issue benefit 'per stirpes' for example: Where a person who would have inherited has predeceased you leaving 2 surviving children, that person's share is divided and passed to their children in 2 equal shares.

3 'Spouse' also includes any person who is registered as a civil partner, as defined in the Civil Partnership Act 2004.



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Thank you for attending!

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